

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Why More Troops?

IT was a most inadequate statement that the War Office issued announcing the despatch of British troops to Cyprus because of the "disturbed position" in the Middle East. In what way has the situation suddenly become so serious that more troops have to be sent for "the protection of British subjects in the area"? Since the week-end there have been these developments: another Jordan Government has fallen after further rioting and the new Premier has declared that he is against joining the Baghdad pact. Local Communists allegedly took part in rioting in Amman, the Jordan capital, and Israeli troops are reported to be "massing" on the Jordan border and the Arab Legion has been reinforced.

Was it one of these that inspired the decision? Or was it, as the statement seems to suggest but does not say, action taken because of a whole crop of incidents in recent months including Egypt's purchase of Czech arms have caused a worsening condition which Britain is anxious to redress.

AS it is the Middle East situation presents a perplexing spectacle. Britain may be justifiably concerned at events in Jordan where the prestige of the monarchy received a jolting following the High Court declaration that the dissolution of Parliament was unconstitutional. The new Premier has announced he does not favour joining any new alliances.

The Baghdad pact, never a very robust alliance because of conflicting ideas among member nations about its purpose and use, becomes a little weaker with the news and the "neutral" Arab bloc, backed by Soviet Russia, possibly a little stronger. Renewed aggression by Israel at this stage could only complicate an already complicated situation and solidify Arab opposition. It is to be hoped she realises that selfish indifference to the present situation can only weaken Western sympathy for her cause.

British subjects including the British Middle East oil industry—certainly demand protection in the event of any trouble, but is there real prospect of this and besides is this the main reason for the decision? Or does the British Government feel that the presence of more British troops in the area will have a stabilising effect on the situation?

IT is possible to understand why Britain, alone of the three Big Western powers, has sent forces to the Mediterranean for although all three are pledged to guarantee the borders of Israel—and therefore those of the surrounding Arab countries—against violation under the 1950 Tripartite Agreement, only Britain is a partner in the Baghdad pact and to that extent is more fully committed to maintaining peace and calm.

But if the situation is so serious as to warrant the deployment of troops by air, it is surprising that there has been no apparent echo of alarm in Washington. America also has a large oil industry in the Middle East and several thousand citizens there. No one expects America to send forces but it is surprising that it has not made some murmuring noise of approval at the British decision.

Perhaps America was taken by surprise, too. There have been widespread appeals in Britain for positive action in the Middle East and this may be a dilatory government's reply. But until there is a more detailed explanation of why Britain has acted in this way it is difficult to feel any more than rather puzzled at today's news.

# Colonial Office Statement On Kashmir Princess Sabotage FORMOSA REFUSES TO EXTRADITE H.K. SUSPECT Man Who Escaped As Plane. Stowaway POLICE INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED

THE NATIONALIST AUTHORITIES IN FORMOSA REFUSED TO HAND OVER A CHINESE SUSPECTED OF SABOTAGING THE AIR INDIA PLANE KASHMIR PRINCESS LAST YEAR BECAUSE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST, THEY SAID, WAS NOT BASED ON LEGAL GROUNDS.

This is revealed in a Colonial Office statement on the incident released by the Government Public Relations Office this morning.

The Kashmir Princess exploded and was forced into the sea with loss of life while on a flight from Hongkong to Djakarta on April 11 last year.

The Colonial Office report states that HM Government could not, in the absence of an extradition treaty, base their request on legal grounds, but they pointed out to the Nationalist Authorities, that it was in their own interests that the outrageous crime should be cleared up.

The report also discloses that the man suspected of sabotaging the plane by placing a time bomb aboard while it was at Kai Tak and being prepared for the flight to Djakarta, later stowed away on a Civil Air Transport aircraft for Taipei.

## Terrorising Storm

Upholstery Jan. 10  
The worst terrorising storm for 100 years ravaged Hurricane Force State, for half an hour killing 45 cattle, sheep and horses, cutting off the electricity supply and clearing the streets of any sign of life.

A resident said that a single flash struck mortar from the corner of a block of flats, and then killed a cow across the road.

The lightning killed eight sheep, 12 head of cattle and 25 horses. —China Mail Special.

## REQUEST FOR NOVEL PLANE

New York, Jan. 10.  
The United States Navy has asked for plans to be drawn up for a vertical take off plane, the Navy research department announced today.

The plane, barrel-shaped, will be propelled either by piston engines, a gas turbine operating propeller shaped ventilators or ordinary reactors. It has been nicknamed "The Ring Wing."

Dr Manfred Rauscher of Zurich, has been engaged to supervise the project by Kaman Aircraft, with whom the US Navy have arranged a contract. —France-Press.

## Two Rescued From Sinking Schooner

Norfolk, Va. Jan. 10.  
Two persons were rescued from the sinking 64-foot schooner Manitou off Cape Hatteras today and the ship was abandoned. The Coast Guard said here.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the rescue was performed by the 435-foot ss Kathryn, owned by the A.H. Steamship Company of New York. The spokesman said the passengers on the ship had not been identified but that Lloyd's Register of American Yachts of 1954 listed the owner as Leighton H. Coleman of Stony Brook, New York. The rescue took place near Diamond Shoals lightship, about 70 miles east of Cape Hatteras.

In New York, a Steamship Company spokesman said it had received a message from the Kathryn's skipper, Captain Curtis Dobson, which said: "Rescued two crewmen from the sinking schooner Manitou, 60 miles east of Diamond Lightship. Survivors OK."

The spokesman said the Kathryn, originally scheduled to arrive here from San Juan, Puerto Rico, last Monday morning, had been delayed by the Atlantic storm. The 10,000-ton freighter is now due to arrive at about 8 p.m. tomorrow. The spokesman said. —United Press.

The text of the Colonial Office statement reads: "Consequent upon the loss of the Air India aircraft Kashmir Princess on April 11, 1955 on a flight between Hongkong and Djakarta, and upon allegations that the crash had been the direct result of an act of sabotage, intensive enquiries were instituted by the Hongkong Government.

These included the interrogation and enquiry into the antecedents of 71 persons connected in one way or another with the servicing of the aircraft during its stay of just over one hour in Hongkong.

By mid-May the investigation, carried out by the Indonesian Committee of Enquiry, including examination of the wreckage of the aircraft, had led to a strong suspicion that the crash was due to an explosion caused by the detonation of an explosive device lodged inside the starboard wing at the rear outboard corner of the wheelbay. This was confirmed in the Indonesian Government's statement issued on May 27.

## STOWED AWAY

Among the 27 persons whose duties took them in the vicinity of the starboard wing of the aircraft and whose activities were consequently under enquiry was Chow Tse-ming, alias Chou Chu, an employee of the Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Corporation. Direct suspicion did not fall on him until May 18. Enquiries at his address on that day failed to find him and information was subsequently obtained that some hours before these enquiries were made he had stowed away on a Civil Air Transport aircraft and had arrived in Taipei, Formosa, on the same day.

In the course of the subsequent Police investigation of persons who had been associated with Chow Tse-ming before his departure for Formosa, evidence came to light to suggest that he had been procured by persons connected with a Kuomintang intelligence organisation and had been offered a reward. There was also evidence that on four separate occasions subsequent to the crash he had admitted his complicity. The accounts of what he is alleged to have said on each occasion varied slightly in detail, but in general they strongly corroborated each other and contained statements that he admitted that:

- (a) he had sabotaged the aircraft,
- (b) he had been promised a reward of HK\$500,000,
- (c) he had used a small time-bomb which made a slight ticking noise,
- (d) he intended to stow away to Formosa. In addition there was evidence that shortly before the crash and subsequently until he went to Formosa, Chow Tse-ming spent some hundreds of dollars, a sum well beyond his normal means.

Accordingly on September 3 the Hongkong Police obtained a warrant for this man's arrest on a charge of conspiracy to murder.

## REQUEST REFUSED

As soon as the warrant was issued the Nationalist Authorities in Formosa were requested to return the man for trial. After repeated reminders they informed Her Majesty's Consul at Tamsui on December 14 that the competent authorities were unable to deal with the matter since the request was not based on legal grounds.

In asking the Nationalist Authorities to hand over Chow Tse-ming for trial, Her Majesty's Government could not, in the absence of an extradition treaty, base their request on legal grounds. They pointed out to the Nationalist Authorities, however, that it was in their own interests that this outrageous crime should be cleared up.

They assured the Nationalist Authorities that Chow Tse-ming would be certain of being justly tried in strict accordance with the laws of Hongkong and that no would be given every opportunity of presenting his defence.

Despite intensive and continuing investigation, it has not yet proved possible to bring charges against any other persons who may have participated in the crime.

## PEKING COMPLAINS

### US Planes Fly Over Chinese Territory

London, Jan. 11.  
Two United States military planes "openly intruded" over Northeast China on January 9, Peking radio announced early this morning.

The broadcast said: "At 1033 hours two US military planes intruded over Chinese territorial air from a point 20 kilometres west of Lingkiang on the north bank of the Yalu River and afterwards headed northward over Tunglwa, Tsingyuan and Shenyang area."

"After aircraft of the Chinese Air Force took off immediately in pursuit, the two American military planes fled."

A spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that the incident "was a grave act of military provocation committed by the United States in encroaching upon the territorial integrity and sovereignty of China."

## NOT ACCIDENTAL

"The Chinese Government strongly protests against this and demands that the government of the United States take measures to ensure that no similar incident will recur."

The statement, according to the Communist New China News Agency, continued: "The Chinese Government considers it necessary to point out that the incident of the US military aircraft intruding into the territorial air of China's border is by no means accidental at a time when the US Government is creating tensions at the arms control talks between China and the US at Geneva and on the other hand, sends large numbers of high-ranking officials and officers to the Taiwan area of our country to step up military activities."

## INDIGNATION

"This incident further shows that the US is paying no effort in its attempt to continue to create tension in the Far East. This act of the US Government has aroused the great indignation of the Chinese people. Peace-loving countries and people of the world cannot but maintain a high degree of vigilance against the provocative activities of the US." —Reuter.

## HALF STARVED AND FROZEN

### Man's Ordeal In Freight Car

New York, Jan. 10.  
A half-starved man, freed from self-imprisonment in a freight car in below-freezing temperature, was reported in "fair" condition at the Logansport, Indiana, Memorial Hospital today.

The authorities said Rudolph Krause, 27, of Oak Lawn, Illinois, a transient worker, boarded the car, which was laden with tinned tuna fish, in sunny Kingman, Arizona. The door was slammed and locked when the train started, trapping Krause inside.

He was found semi-conscious by a railway inspector on Monday during a routine check of the car in the Pennsylvania railway yards here. The freight car was headed from California for New York.

## DOCTORS' REPORT

Doctors said Krause was suffering from malnutrition, frozen legs and exposure. They said his legs and general condition showed improvement today.

A police search of the freight car showed that in his desperation Krause ripped open boxes and had managed to get at the contents of four tins of tuna by smashing them on metal bolts in the car.

Krause told the authorities he was travelling East in search of work. He said he had been a railway worker in a previous job.

When found, he was wearing a shirt, trousers and a light jacket. —United Press.

## Time Describes Hongkong

### FAT CANARY ON THE SHOULDER OF A HUNGRY TOM CAT

New York, Jan. 10.

The weekly magazine Time today likened Hongkong to "a fat canary on the shoulder of a hungry tom cat" which was frightened to eat it. It gave this description to the Colony in an article illustrated by several pages of coloured photographs.

The article said Hongkong was a "packed and pulsating place with a rich but brief past in a singularly unpredictable life expectancy. It is the last true colony of size and importance in all Asia." It added, "and it perches in incongruous complacency on the coast of Communist China like a fat canary on the shoulder of a hungry tom cat."

Despite the overwhelming Chinese population of Hongkong, the article said "the eye is reminded, by the flap of the Union Jack and the crisp gesture of a traffic cop, that here, as nowhere else in Asia, British 'law and order' prevails."

In another part, the article stated: "Hongkong is a little ground of Communists and anti-Communists who manoeuvre and plot and occasionally murder each other under the eye of a government that is alert to all but pretends to pretend that none of it goes on."


## JET ACE KILLED

Elgin, Austria, Jan. 10.  
Major L. Moore, 36, a leading jet ace of the Korean war, was killed today when his jet fighter crashed and exploded just after taking off here in the centre of the main flying field at Elgin Air Force Base.

Major Moore was credited with destroying 10 enemy MIG-15s in Korea. —China Mail Special.

## Troops Open Fire

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 10.  
Egyptian troops opened heavy automatic fire against an Israeli police car in the Gaza strip today, an Israeli army spokesman said. No casualties were reported. —France-Press.



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**Princesses  
In Britain**

Princess Beatrix of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, 10 (left), and her 22-year-old cousin, Princess Christina of Hesse, niece of Britain's Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in London last Wednesday from Germany. Both are in England to study. Princess Beatrix is to take a course in dressmaking. Princess Christina will study the restoration of paintings. Picture shows them leaving London's Liverpool Street station by car following their arrival.—Express Photo.

**Mau Mau Oath May  
Bar African Voters**

Nairobi, Jan. 10.

Africans who have taken the Mau Mau terrorist oath may be barred from voting when Kenya Africans elect their first Legislative Council representatives.

This recommendation was contained in a report on the African franchise in Kenya issued today. The report was prepared by Mr W. F. Coult, 43-year-old Aberdonian, who is the Colony's Minister of Education, Labour and Lands.

The Kenya Government today issued a White Paper accepting Mr Coult's proposals in principle but urging some modification.

The Coult report suggests also that in the central provinces women should not be allowed to vote "unless they have shown exceptional merit in active fighting against the Mau Mau."

an additional vote for each further point. It is recommended that all principle but urging some modification.

**Central Provinces**

Voting qualifications would include being non-British subject, not being an African of local birth, not having taken an oath of allegiance to the Queen and not having been sentenced to imprisonment for more than a year.

The Coult report makes special recommendations for the central provinces—seat of the Mau Mau terrorism. It urges that in these provinces a list of electors should be prepared comprising persons who have never taken a Mau Mau oath. Qualified voters would have one vote only.—Reuter.

**To Be Debated**

Elections were due to have been held next autumn, but complications of a voters' register may mean a delay.

Meanwhile both the report and the White Paper are to be debated by the Legislative Council next month.

The main recommendation of the Coult report is that "universal adult franchise should not be introduced in Kenya at the present time."

It is proposed that a "points system" based on age (21 and over), long and efficient public or private service, income and property, should be adopted. There would be a maximum of 10 points. Those persons with three or over points would be allowed to vote and

Colombo, Jan. 10. The Ceylon Parliament probably will be dissolved February 23 in preparation for a general election in April, sources said today.

The election campaign probably will be contested on two major local issues—a State language and liquor prohibition.—United Press.

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Casablanca, Jan. 10.

The Spanish High Commissioner, General Rafael Garcia, today told the French authorities that his government intends to carry out political reforms in Spanish Morocco in line with those contemplated by France.

The announcement was made in a communique issued by the French authorities after talks between General Garcia and the French Resident-General, M. Andre-Louis Dubois at Tetuan in the Spanish zone.

The communique said the meeting was marked by a "cordial atmosphere and mutual understanding."

"The Spanish High Commissioner told the French Resident-General of his government's intention of introducing political reforms permitting parallel evolution," added the communique.

France has already embarked on a reform plan for French Morocco and the Sultan Mohammed ben Youssef is flying to Paris soon for talks with French government leaders.

**First Time**

General Garcia said Spanish reforms would aim at Moroccan independence with due respect to the "legitimate interests of the two countries."

French officials pointed out that it was the first time that Spain had mentioned independence for Spanish Morocco. They said M. Dubois was expected to relay the news to Sultan Mohammed as soon as possible.

The communique said that M. Dubois in return informed General Garcia of French reform plans in their zone.—United Press.

**Letter Of  
Welcome  
To Antarctic**

Paris, Jan. 10.

A letter of welcome propped against a vase of faded flowers awaited French Antarctic explorers when they took over an old hut near Zoology Point, Adelle Land, earlier this month, French polar expedition headquarters said here today.

The note was left here by explorer Mario Mermet, a member of the third French Antarctic expedition in 1932. His wooden hut has now become a temporary dormitory for the French advance party, who are preparing a base for French scientists taking part in the 1957/58 International Geophysical Year.

**Unloaded**

The advance party of 14 men have already unloaded 250 tons of stores and equipment from the vessel Norval in which veteran French polar explorer Paul Emile Victor is directing operations.

The Norval will relieve the advance party next January, when 28 men, including technicians, will arrive in Adelle Land. They will be followed in the spring of 1957 by another 20 men, including the scientists who will be responsible for France's contribution to the geophysical year.

M. Guillard and his men found the food left by the 1932 expedition fresh and edible after three years in its Antarctic "deep freeze."—China Mail Special.

**Action Against  
Bank Strikers**

Calcutta, Jan. 10.

Calcutta banks today informed the West Bengal Government that they are taking disciplinary action against all of their employees who observed a two-day token strike last week.

Some 8,000 bank employees went out on strike, in support of demands for the restoration of a wage cut. The Indian Government had declared the strike illegal.—France-Press.

**Dutch Not  
Supporting  
Westerling**

The Hague, Jan. 10.

The Dutch Foreign Ministry categorically denied rumours today that the Netherlands Government would have made an agreement with adventurous ex-army Captain Raymond Westerling to support any action in Indonesia.

These rumours, circulating here, came from "irresponsible elements," the Ministry said, adding that they were "completely false."

Westerling, who once led an armed revolt against the Indonesian Republic on Western Java, disappeared from Holland some months ago. He announced he was going to Indonesia to lead a "personal" action against the Djakarta Government.

The Foreign Ministry informed the Indonesian High Commissioner in The Hague of this denial of the rumours.—United Press.

**CAUGHT FIRST  
TIME**

Madrid, Jan. 10.

A mother who heard screams as her eight-year-old son fell three storeys from a staircase at Tafalla, near here, caught him in her arms at ground level.

Both escaped serious injury.—China Mail Special.

Calvo, Jan. 10.

Vice-Premier Gamal Salem, and two high-ranking Egyptian officials have accepted an invitation to visit East Germany at a date to be fixed later. It was announced officially today.

The two other officials are Mohamed Abou Rostier, Minister of Trade, and Mousadha Hussain, Director of Economic Affairs in the Foreign Ministry.—France-Press.

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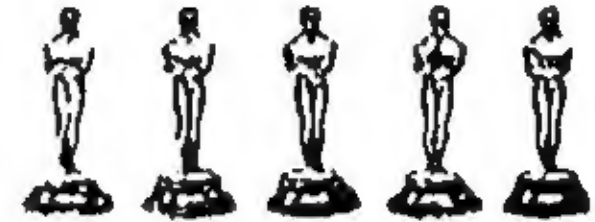
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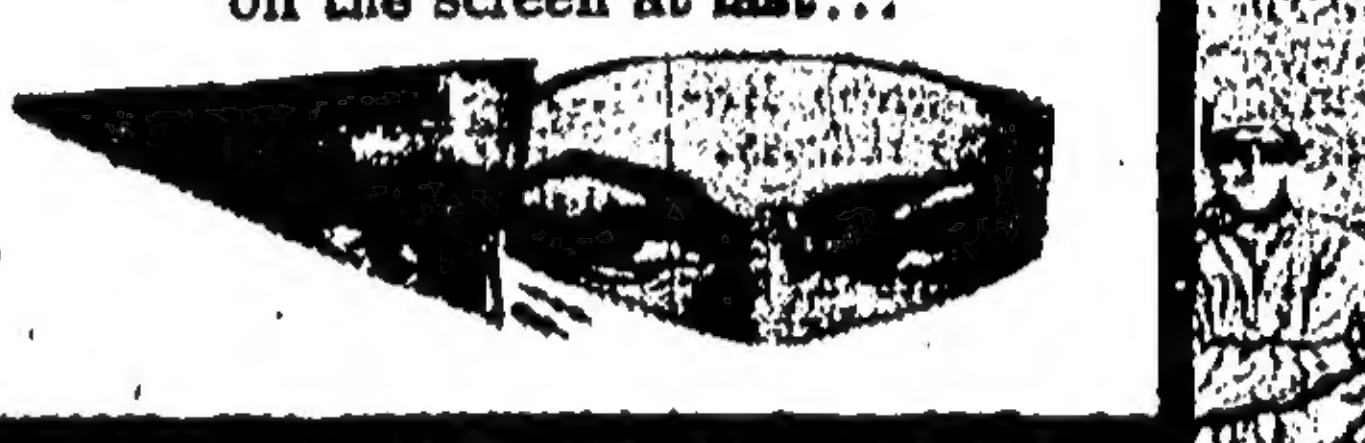


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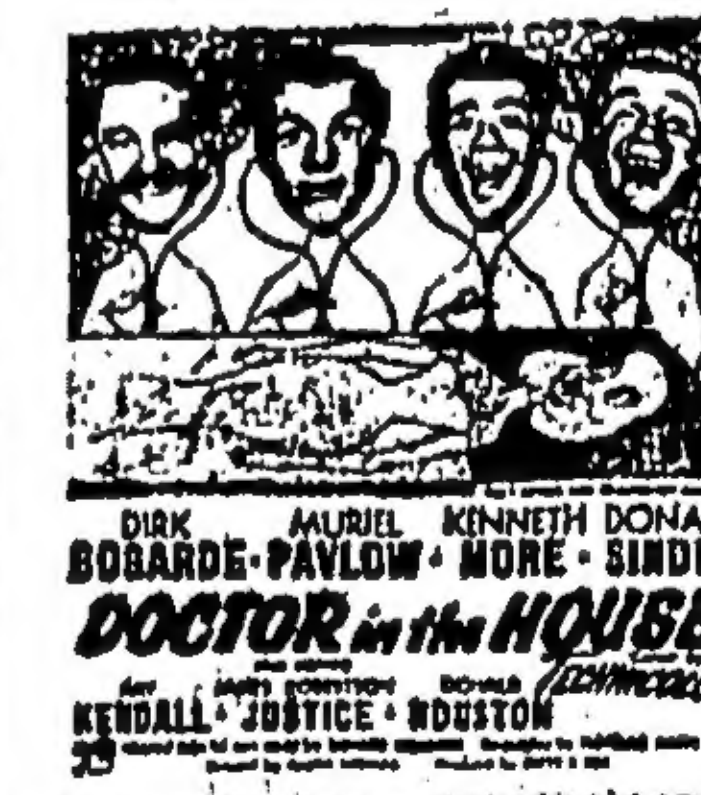
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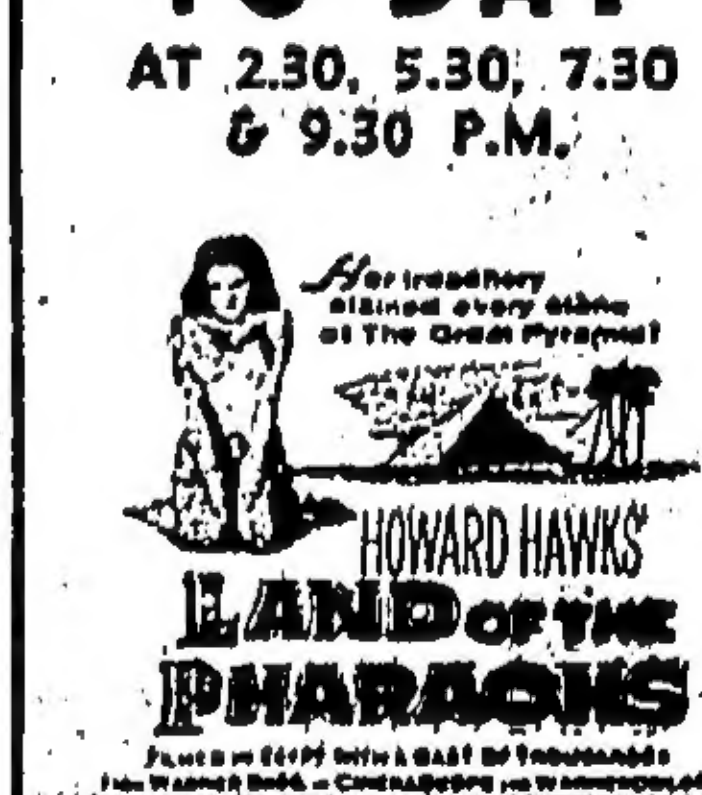
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# Coty Approaches Party Leaders

## Japs' Attitude To Collective Security In Asian Region

Karachi, Jan. 10. SPECIAL Japanese representative Takeo Miki today discussed Japan's policies toward "collective security" in the Asian region with Pakistani Foreign Minister Hamidul Choudhury.

Informed sources said that Mr. Miki, here on a goodwill visit as a special envoy of Japanese Premier Ichiro Hatoyama, discussed Japan's foreign policy relations with other Asian states during his stay in Karachi for 30 minutes.

### Full Agreement

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Pakistan, through its membership in both the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization and the Baghdad Pact, took part in the Middle East in collective security. Japan's policy toward collective security in the Middle East is under discussion with Pakistan.

Mr. Miki is expected to extend an informal invitation to Premier Chaudhry, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, and other Pakistani leaders to visit Japan when the envoy meets the Premier later today, according to Japanese sources.

Mr. Miki is calling on the Premier to personally deliver a goodwill letter from Mr. Hatoyama.

### Extend Tour

These sources said no formal invitation would be extended but it would not be surprising if Mr. Miki took the opportunity of the meeting to suggest that Mr. Ali extend his visit to China this spring to include Japan.

Mr. Ali already has accepted a formal invitation to visit China and the trip is scheduled tentatively for sometime during April. Mr. Ali made a brief courtesy call on the Governor-General, Mr. Iskander Mirza, this morning, and tomorrow Mr. Mirza will be host at a dinner honoring Mr. Miki's visit to Pakistan.—United Press.

## DIFFICULT TASK OF FORMING GOVERNMENT

By Harold King

Paris, Jan. 10.

M. Rene Coty, President of the Republic, today started unofficial consultations about the difficult problem of forming the next government.

Officially he cannot act till after the newly elected Assembly has elected its President some time between January 19 and 22.

M. Coty saw the outgoing Premier, M. Edgar Faure, and also the leader of the Social Republicans, M. Chaban Delmas. The latter now heads a much reduced army of ex-Gaullist followers, not exceeding 24 Deputies instead of the pre-election 67. Only seven were reported to support the new dealer, M. Mendes-France.

M. Faure insisted that a broad front policy must be agreed for Algeria, where armed rebellion has been raging for 14 months and where some 200,000 French troops have not yet been able to quell it.

In plain language, M. Faure was repeating his suggestion for the formation of a government of national union, bringing in both sides that fought each other bitterly in the election campaign.

### No Other Way

The Premier saw no other way of establishing a strong majority and a strong policy for France, except the new 600-man Assembly has 150 Communist members and a compact group of 52 anti-Communist members in the followers of M. Pierre Poujade, the champion of the anti-tax League.

The new deal block led by the Socialists, M. Guy Mollet and the centrist M. Pierre Mendès-France, were adamant that they would not accept a coalition government with the Communists. For the time being, M. Mollet, himself, remained the most favoured candidate for the Premier's office.

There is a growing revolt among the Government parties against allowing the Socialist-Radical minority to take over the Government, but so far it has found no open expression. Confusion reigned at its height. Efforts to consolidate the right-wing parties which

fought the election together failed today. The one-time disunited Gaullists, now calling themselves the Republican Social Action Group, refused to fuse with the principal conservative party, the National Centre of the Independents.

### Auriol's Call

M. Faure's efforts to form a radical group in opposition to the official Radical Party led by M. Mendes-France also made no progress.

Former French President Vincent Auriol today called for a bipartisan policy among centre parties of the new National Assembly to counter-balance the increased strength of the Communists and extreme right-wing parties.

M. Auriol, in an article published in the Paris evening newspaper France-Sol, also indicated that if a government, formed from the entire coalition, fails, new general elections should be held under a new electoral law.

The former president, a Socialist, said that union was necessary to "oppose a unified and tough France to those who, all over the world, are already quarrelling over its corpse."

M. Auriol said the union of the centre parties would have to include the "two centres"—a reference to the "Republican Front" coalition of former Premier Pierre Mendès-France—and the former majority parties which backed outgoing Premier Edgar Faure.

### Energetically

The former President said: "It is necessary to have a majority and a government, if the country is not to be abandoned first to anarchy and then to dictatorship." But he said it was necessary to have a government "capable of acting energetically, of living dangerously and of preparing, if it falls, new elections under a new electoral law."

M. Auriol said that "the imperiousness of the number of Assembly seats dominates personal and partisan preferences."—France-Press.

## German Deputy Arrested

Berlin, Jan. 10. East German Customs officers arrested Willy Barisch, a member of the West Berlin Chamber of Deputies, at the Soviet sector boundary last Saturday afternoon. West Berlin officials announced tonight.

Barisch was handed over to the East Berlin police and released during Saturday night. Several copies of the Berliner Stimme, organ of the West Berlin Social-Democratic Party, were confiscated from him.

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## CYPRUS TROOPS CARRY OUT MOUNTAIN SEARCH



British troops in Cyprus are currently making a vast sweep of the mountains in search of terrorists and arms. Picture shows a woman of Paphos village and her donkey being searched for concealed weapons.—Lancaster Photo.

## HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION

## Hammaraskjold Accused Of Changing Position

New York, Jan. 10.

The United States today criticized an offer by Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, to help transmit a request for information on human rights to the Chinese Government which the world organisation does not recognise.

## Dr Bluecher Visiting India



Dr Bluecher

New Delhi, Jan. 10. The West German Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Franz Bluecher, arrived here today for an 11-day official visit to India.

Dr. Bluecher, who was welcomed at the airport by India's Defence Minister, Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, is to have two meetings with the Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, before leaving on a tour of the country.

### Major Cause

His talks with the Prime Minister are expected to range over the international situation, including the problem of German reunification. Mr. Nehru believes the present division of Germany is a major cause of world tension.

They are also expected to include political and economic matters such as trade between West Germany and India and the prospects of West German participation in India's second five-year plan which starts in April.

Dr. Bluecher is accompanied by seven political and economic experts.—Reuter.

## INCORRECT PREDICTION

Colombo, Jan. 10. A woman plantation worker in Central Ceylon thought the "sam" (God) had spirited away her baby when she found the child had vanished from the cradle and a skinned cat was in its place.

She said a fortune teller had predicted that the child would bring misfortune. An official reported the disappearance to the police who found the baby at a nearby house.—China Mail Special.

## Porgy And Bess Well Received In Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 10. Thousands of Moscow theatre-lovers queued outside the Stanislavski Theatre tonight to hear the "Everyman" American Opera Company perform George Gershwin's all Negro opera "Porgy and Bess."

The American company, appearing for the first time in the Soviet capital, received a tremendous reception and were enthusiastically applauded throughout the performance.

All the Soviet cultural elite turned out to welcome them, including the Bolshoi Theatre Director, Kiril Kondrachin, singer Larisa Avdeyeva, Prima Ballerina Violetta Rova, and Director Vladimir Kandalski, of the Moscow Camé Opera.

Mr. Charles Bohlen, the US Ambassador in Moscow, was present at the performance and later held a gala reception for the company. The Everyman Director, Robert Breen, thanked the Soviet hosts for their welcome.—France-Press.

### Highly Charged

Judge Ha'penn said Mr. Hammarskjold was asking the sub-committee's special rapporteur, Mr. Charles Ammon, to "step into this highly charged political controversy."

The American representative asked Mr. Hammarskjold to transmit any communication until the political bodies of the United Nations have had time to discuss the matter. Mr. Ammon, who was present at the performance, said that if China, which represented a quarter of the world's population, was excluded from the study, it would be incomplete.—Reuter.

## Thief Cornered Through \$5 Note

Ottawa, Jan. 10. A thief who blew open the safe of a store in Percival, Saskatchewan, was traced because the five-dollar note which he gave the conductor of a Winnipeg-bound bus had one corner missing.

Police found the missing corner by searching minutely every scrap of waste paper from the store.

The case is recorded in the annual report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.—China Mail Special.

## Schoolboy Knits Teachers' Socks

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 10. Teachers at a Port Elizabeth primary school wear socks knitted by one of the schoolboys—Frederick van Onselen, aged 11.

Frederick, who started knitting when he was four, makes two shillings and sixpence profit on every pair of socks. He has already paid for a "knitting" machine (which cost £45) and is now saving up to train as a dress designer.—China Mail Special.

## Atomic Retaliation May Not Be Answer To Local Aggression

Miami, Jan. 10.

General Maxwell D. Taylor, United States Army Chief of Staff, said here today that atomic retaliatory power might not be the answer to local acts of aggression.

Speaking to an audience in the Surf Club, he said the toughest question in defence planning was the uncertainty as to what form a future war might take.

"In the Pentagon (United States defence headquarters) there are those who focus all their concern on the big nuclear war. There are others who believe that war may assume many forms."

He thought the concept of a brief nuclear war was only one of the forms, and not necessarily the most likely, which war might take.

### Not Sure

"It seems increasingly improbable that an aggressor would intentionally embark on the gamble on atomic world war," he said.

"I am by no means sure that some nations some time may not attempt local acts of aggression to which our atomic retaliatory power may not be the answer."

Military planning must adjust itself to the increasing reluctance of peace loving people to embark on general atomic war and pay heavier attention "to the constant danger of creative efforts against militarily weak members of the free nation community."

### New Missile

General Taylor disclosed that the United States was seeking to develop a "medium range, solid-fuel missile," the "Redstone."

He refused to give any details of the range of the Redstone, but informed sources here believe the missile will have a range of about 1,500 miles.

General Taylor said the test area for the missile would be established outside the United States.

The present American missile testing area, which extends from the centre of Florida to the North of Porto Rico, will be further extended southeast of the Barbados and Saint Lucia Islands under an agreement between the State Department and the British Foreign Office, informed sources said.

General Taylor said the US Army also intended to "extend the fire power of guided missiles horizontally and vertically."

### Increase Mobility

The Chief of Staff said the prime objective of the American Army was "to give greater effectiveness to the atomic battlefield" to American troops.

General Taylor said he wanted to increase the "strategic mobility" of American ground forces. This would permit American troops to be shifted to any point in the world to parry an attack, he said.

General Taylor said he believed the Soviet Union and other Communist countries could put 375 divisions in the front lines one month after the outbreak of a war. According to General Taylor, the Soviet Union now has 176 divisions and China 150 divisions.—Reuter and France-Press.

## Miner Wins Football Sweep

Madrid, Jan. 10. Senor Caesar Suarez, a sick miner who has never been a league football match, won 2,000,000 pesetas (£20,000) in a state football sweep because he was the only one of two million entrants to forecast 14 results correctly.

The prize has transformed the life of the Suarez family of four, who live in the Asturian village of Carballal. Senor Suarez suffers from arthritis and has been unable to work for five years.—China Mail Special.

## NEW AIRPORT RADAR

New York, Jan. 10. The New York International Airport, the world's biggest, has installed a new radar landing control device which will double the range of its present system. It was disclosed today.

The new system will enable the control tower to pick up incoming planes 100 miles from the field, thus widening the area in which incoming traffic can be handled.—France-Press.



General Taylor

## More British Aid For Indonesia

London, Jan. 10.

BRITAIN will "in due course" increase its economic and technical help to Indonesia, informed sources said tonight.

The nature and extent of the increased assistance is yet undefined. But Indonesia will get "more attention" and "preferential treatment" under the Colombo Plan. Britain has assured its full backing, it was learned here.

### Number Of Topics

In today's morning meeting, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Lord Reading, and Dr. Ide Anak Agung discussed "a number of topics of mutual interest, including cultural and educational relations."

Students from Indonesia will be given higher technical training in England and arrangements will be made to "teach English" to the Indonesian scholars by exchange of scholars and teachers.

Informed sources said Dr. Agung in his talks with the British Foreign Office experts gave an account of the stage reached in Indonesian talks with the Netherlands in Geneva. They were also reported to have discussed the present political situation in Indonesia.

Dr. Agung defined to the Foreign Office experts the "scope of technical assistance to the Far East, particularly to Indonesia," and early necessity "to speed up" the aid as soon as possible.

### Sympathised

The foreign experts are reported to have sympathised and agreed with the views expressed by the Indonesian Foreign Minister. Dr. Agung will re-emphasise the points to the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, whom he meets on Friday.

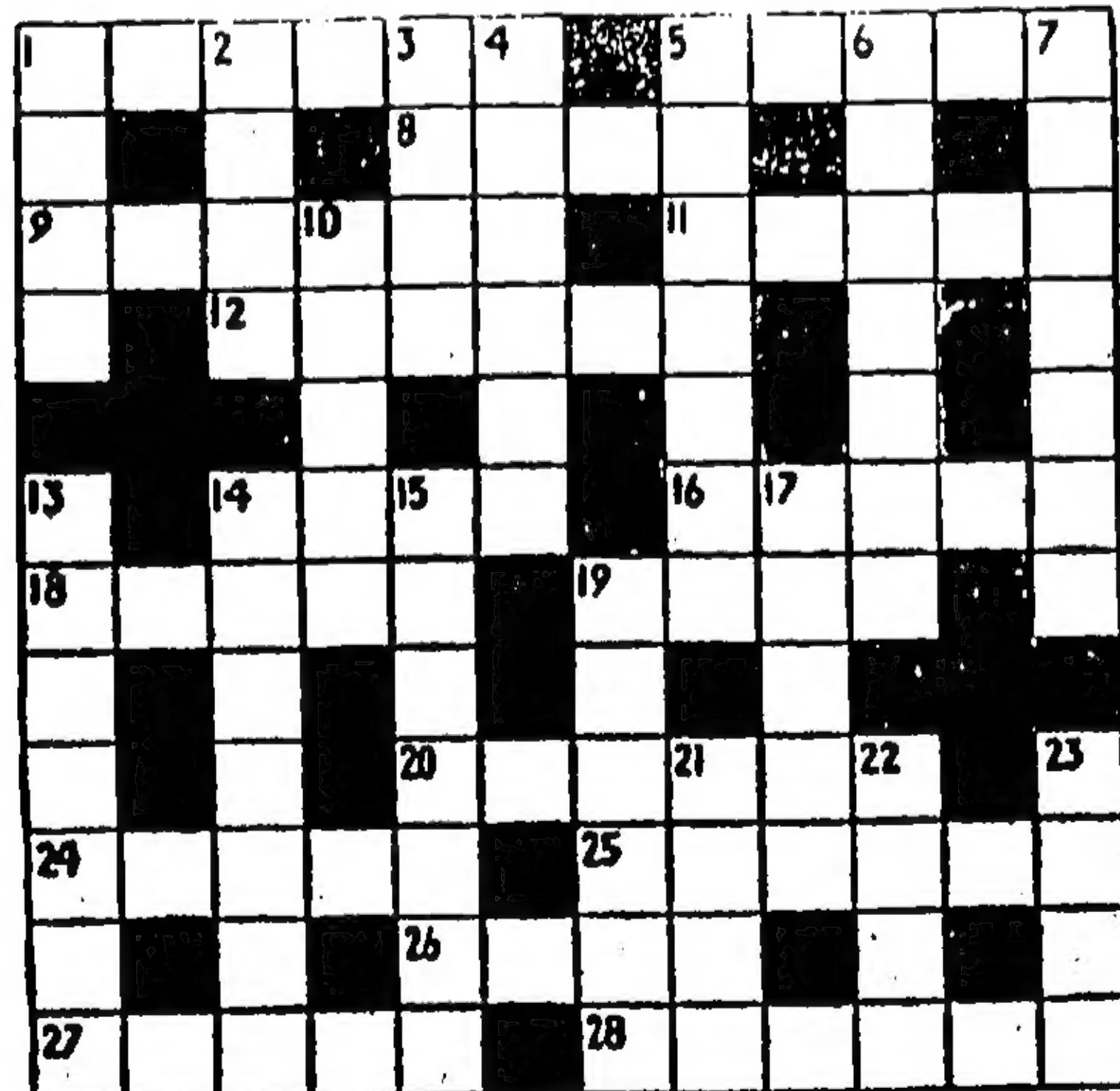
Tonight Dr. Agung met the Australian High Commissioner, Mr. Lloyd, also was present. Dr. Agung was reported to have informally discussed with the Australian High Commissioner the question of West New Guinea.—United Press.

## Search Abandoned For Plane

London, Jan. 10.

Planes and ships abandoned their search for a plane reported to have gone down in the South coast of Ireland, and Shannon, Ireland, reported that no plane was missing. Air Ministry officials here believed the "disappearance" of a plane might simply have been light flashing from an Irish vessel patrolling in the region.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Settle (6).
  - Peel (5).
  - Half-open (4).
  - Word of honour (6).
  - Vacant (5).
  - Summary (6).
  - Meadows (6).
  - Attire (5).
  - Fascination (5).
  - Defunct (4).
  - Difficulty (6).
  - Lock (5).
  - Last (6).
  - Beides (4).
  - Hazards (6).
  - Shows off (colloq.) (6).
- DOWN**
- Drug (4).
  - Cavil (4).
  - Valley (4).
  - Throat out (6).
  - Take the chair (7).
  - Answered (7).
  - Aridity (7).
  - Command (5).
  - Slew (7).
  - Servants (7).
  - Accumulates (7).
  - Swift (5).
  - Constraint (6).
  - Afraid (4).
  - Change direction (4).
  - Dregs (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Mecon, 4. Tragic, 6. Seidem, 10. Smile, 12. Dreppon, 13. Concern, 17. Test, 20. Iterate, 23. Statue, 24. Wha, 25. Enduring, 27. Render, 29. Answer, 30. Dislike, 31. Steady, 32. Event, Down: 1. Music, 2. Colom, 3. Abode, 5. Bump, 6. Guinea, 7. Create, 9. Merited, 11. Metres, 12. Endured, 15. Oath, 16. Cutter, 18. Stun, 20. Sweats, 21. Aerate, 24. Aisle, 26. Irate, 28. Guest, 29. Need.



# If you can bear it, here are MY PREDICTIONS FOR 1956

By NATHANIEL GUBBINS

If you are not feeling very well after your New Year parties you had better skip this.

But if you can take it, here are the predictions of Old Moore Gubbins, the discredited astrologer, for 1956.

**JANUARY:** The weather will be horrible, and so will the news. Snow on high ground, low ground, and down the back of your neck. Price will be frozen, and so will credit. We shall hear that although the country has never been so prosperous, everybody should cut spending. World tension increases.

**FEBRUARY:** The weather will be worse, and so will the news. As the Government will continue to say the country has never been so prosperous the workers will demand more money for a shorter week. Threat of a railway strike, but as people will be too nervous to travel on the railways, few will care. The rest will be in bed with influenza, and will care even less. World tension increases.

**MARCH:** The worst weather and the worst news yet. Games, riots, bazzards. The Government will say the country has never been so prosperous, so the workers will demand a four-day week for double money.

**APRIL:** The month of budget and bird song. Government will say the country has never been so prosperous, so they probably won't reduce taxes. Workers will demand a three-day week for treble money. Panic on Stock Exchange. Bird song drowned by explosions of more powerful bombs in interests of peace and security.

**MAY:** Who cares about world tension when cricket begins? But happy season is marred by formation of the Russian cricket team. Government will say the country has never been so prosperous, so workers will demand a two-day week at four times the money. Exports halved.

**JUNE:** Government in a quandary about Russian cricket team. If there are incidents in match with English team there will be more world tension. If Government intervenes to prevent match there will be war.

**JULY:** Russian cricket team plays an English team. English fans, Lowler knocks Russian batsman unconscious. Home Guard re-formed.

**AUGUST:** To save the world a little cricket team is allowed to beat an all-English team. Russians announce themselves world cricket champions, and claim to have invented cricket.

**SEPTEMBER:** Russians cricket match. Say Ivan the Terrible so called because he was first demon brawler.

**OCTOBER:** Government says country never so prosperous. Workers demand one-day week and minimum wage of £1,000 a year.

**NOVEMBER:** Cockery columnists already writing hungrily about turkey. Russian cricket team sails for Australia.

**DECEMBER:** Workers want month off for Christmas. Exports down 90 percent. Australian cricketers refuse to allow Russians to win. Knock them all unconscious. World tension grows. War is imminent. To all a happy Christmas 1956... if there is one.

**Backward glance**

My 1955, by Lottio, the Devil Cat

**MY BEST MEAL:** The best meals are always stolen meals. I shall never forget the day I was left alone in the house with the larger door open.

I began with raw fillet of sole, crunchy and delicious and testing of the sea. After that the remains of a cold chicken, including the parson's nose. So terribly "exciting" and "rewarding," as the BBC critics say. After that my nose in a jug of cream and a long sleep.

**MY BEST BOY FRIENDS:** Most girls have only one true love. The others are substitutes for the original.

**MY TRUE LOVE WAS MANHATTAN MOUSE.** He was

rough and tough but essentially "k.e." and had that American way of making a girl acutely conscious of her charms.

But as I knew I could never hold a cat like that for long I made sure of my reserves.

One for 1955 was Ernie Boy, handsome, dark, thoughtful, and diffident. Not my type at all really, as I prefer them forth-coming, reliable, full of life and the enjoyment of it, without too much brains but their paws always ready in your defence.

The other was the elderly Mr Puddler Wooders, a silly cat with a silly name. He was always saying age doesn't matter, and remembering the good old days before I was born. An ace bore, but my last line of defence when hopes of true romance are over. Anything but "exciting" and "rewarding," to quote the critics again.

**MY BEST PARTY:** This happened when "they" were on their holiday. Ten cats in all. We ran all over the place, tearing the furniture to bits. Afterwards we played "sardines," cuddling up on the sofa. That is, all but silly Mr Puddler Wooders, who snaked because I took too much notice of Ernie Boy.

**MY OPERATION:** Just before Christmas I cut my paw on a broken milk bottle and went into hospital. A general anaesthetic was given and the operation performed by charming Mr Dyke, who lives near us.

Although the stitches are out and my paw has healed I had a wonderfully "exciting" and "rewarding" Christmas playing on sympathy. I had only to limp or hold up the paw and the turkey was practically mine.

A pity I held up the wrong paw on Boxing Day, but as the turkey was almost finished by then I didn't miss much.

**The good Eartha**

**EARTHA KITT,** the singer known in America as "The Man Trap," told a reporter:

"When I sing songs like 'I Wanna Be Evil' folks get the impression I'm a wicked person. But I'm really very simple at heart. I design all my own

clothes. I like to do simple things."

There have been man traps before Eartha, but they must have had better press agents.

These man traps of the past were so simple they did all their own cooking while they employed two or three chefs, swept all the floors in a house as big as Olympia when they had half a dozen housemaids, went home at Christmas to help mamma with the washing up when they could have paid for a hired help, and even darned their old father's socks instead of buying him a new pair.

One, I remember, had an aged aunt who lived in a little old cottage somewhere in the country. I think it had honey-suckle round the door but no groceries in the cupboard.

On the aunt's birthday this man trap straightened all that out. According to her press agent, she drove down to the cottage in a powerful car full of groceries and everything an aunt could want.

She had forgotten nothing except that her aunt had been dead a couple of years.

Yes, sir. They were as simple as that. (World copyright)

## GREMLINS IN THEIR PHONES

TO a good many foreign visitors, the working of the French telephone system is among the higher mysteries of the universe. It's a legend which has grown out of countless skirmishes with incomprehensible operators and baffling callers.

Yet, in fact, the French Post Office has recently been eliminating factors which phone users have hitherto ascribed to supernatural intervention. And last week it banished the last telephone mystery by a new machine invented by Jean Girard, a retired inspector.

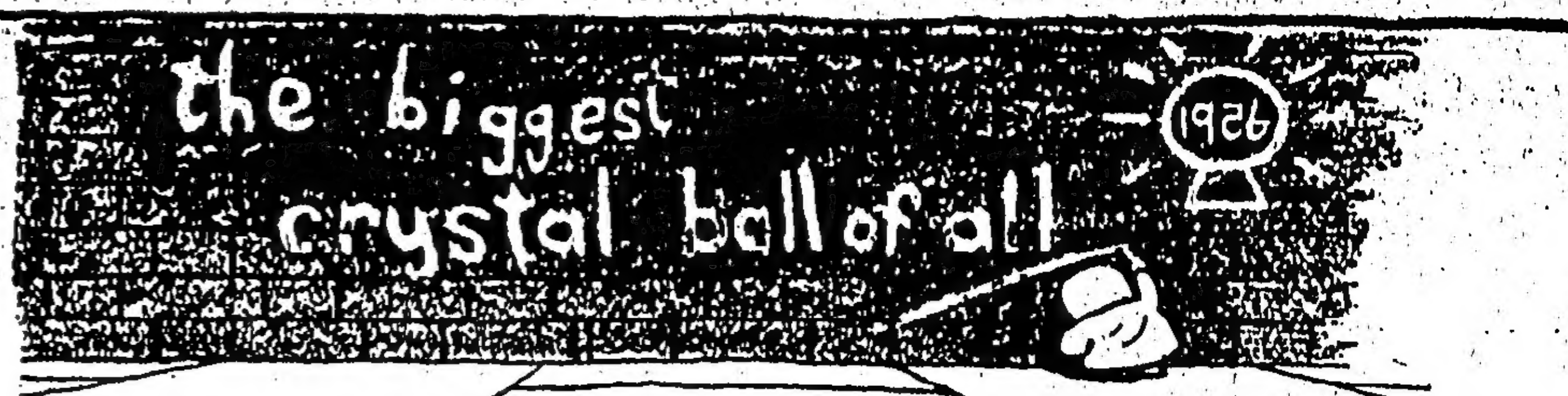
It is a 10-inch by 18-inch box which can be fixed to a line when a subscriber complains that there are "gremlins" in his telephone. It was adopted after tests in a recent case.

A man complained that every time he answered his phone at home, a voice said "Allo? Is that the Gare de l'Est?"

The Post Office officials installed Mr. Girard's machine. First they found that the voice always called from the same address. Then they discovered that when the man who had complained answered, the voice said "Allo? Is that the Gare de l'Est?" When his wife answered, however, the voice said "Bonjour, chérie, how are you, my little cabbage?"

The Post Office discreetly advised the caller to use another code—and told the husband that his phone was now in order!

Stephen Coulter



Well once again as the youngest one of the giles family I have been asked to do his job for him chiefly because I can do it better than he can and partly because he don't look very of this morning after 6 weeks of Xmas followed by hogmanay. Our house is never what you'd call a quiet country residence in the mornings and last Saturday when he came down to breakfast when we were having our lunch it was like a mill bomb going off in a mills pond and we all got 3 thick ears each instead of the usual 2.

This was because some had put in the paper that Mr Giles was going to draw the biggest cartoon in the hole world but hadn't let him no.

Mr Giles says that poepl who predict that he is going to predict the biggest prediction ever predicted without letting him no are very inconsiderate and he called his editor a lot of funny little words like the ones he says when he trips over my bycicle.

So as Mr Giles cant think of enough cartoon to cover a hapony stamp this week I said I'd take over the crystal balls from sefton delmer and fredrik ellis and hand them over to that eve perrik when it done with them.

The first thing I predict is that if Mr Giles don't hurry up and finish his Xmas wiskey he'll be out of work and I'll be taking over for good.

The next thing I predict is Vera will have colds reglar as clockwork every month.

I also predict that I'll have measles this year as I havent had them very often and I think measles make you look pratty.

Mr Giles made a resolution that he isn't going to drink any more and Mrs Giles said he couldn't. Grandma says shes going to by Mr bulganin and Mr Krushchev a pint when they come over even if Mr eden dont.

Our policeman told Mr Giles if he don't keep our poodel under control the bottoms going to fall out of the poodel market owing to supply being greater than demand but I dont no what he's talking about.

I predict that if Ann Edwards and that eve perrik don't stop writing rude things about evryone evryones going to stop taking the express then we'll all be out of work including me.

All Mr Giles pratty nurses sent him rude Xmas cards about poepl who holler out O before they're hurt.

Vera predicts the end of the world as often as she has colds. Mr Giles says if the littel boy with the hair who comes in to play with us doesn't get a hair cut this year hes going to stik him on a broom handel and use him for a mop.

All the rest of the giles family dont predict anything and I'm not making any resolutions this year as I'm nearly two old in the teeth well I must close now as Mr Giles has just come home which means that I should been in bed about 7 hours ago. wishing you all a jolly new year.

Yours truly

DD my teeth



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## BY-ELECTIONS WILL TEST TREND OF TORY PARTY'S FORTUNES

By Vaughan Jones

WHILE the crystal gazers are busy making prophecies for 1956, the politicians in Whitehall are worrying more about the outcome of a batch of New Year by-elections.

The by-elections stem from the dispatch of four leading Tory MPs to the Lords following the government reshuffle; the earldom conferred on Mr Attlee; and the recent death of Mr William Whitely, Labour MP.

And there is a significant factor about them.

Scattered up and down the country, their results will be a pointer towards the next General Election.

They will test recent public opinion polls which indicate that Labour would now win a General Election following Mr Butler's unpopular Autumn budget.

The contested seats are not marginal; the voting may make

no difference to the present strengths of the parties in Parliament.

But the trend will show Sir Anthony Eden and his Tory government whether he can carry push ahead with plans to stabilise Britain's wage-price structure before the country slides into another phase of inflation; whether he can risk losing votes by telling the British workers to halt their call for more pay.

Most Prosperous

End-of-year figures showed that 1955 marked the most prosperous era in history for Britain and the rest of Western Europe. Around 300 million people ate more food, bought more clothes, enjoyed themselves more, built more houses, factories and offices than ever before.

America, whose fortunes directly influence Britain's prosperity, also had its most prosperous year. Ship prices there soared, production, earnings and spending all soared to record levels.

But now economists are warning that Britain's great boom can only continue if wages and prices can be restrained and the fall in the pound's value stopped.

This will call for the rejection of at least part of the pay claims, due for settlement over the next few weeks. For these would add another £800 million to the nation's wage bill, helping to price British goods out of world markets.

Sir Anthony Eden, however, still has an ace vote-winner up his sleeve.

It is conscription—or, rather, its abolition.

The annual White Paper on Defence, published in February, is likely to outline the provisions for abolishing conscription altogether over the next three years.

It is also expected to announce army pay rises which would attract a bigger flow of recruits. This would raise the strength of the Regular Army to at least the minimum needed for service and operational duties at home and overseas.

Such an end to the call-up would be hailed by Britons of all parties. Never popular, National Service was accepted because of the need to provide sufficient men to meet Commonwealth obligations, as well as supply a garrison in Western Germany.

Increased pay to bring army earnings more in line with factory wages has been demanded for years.

Its introduction would be hailed throughout the country as a master-stroke by whichever government that did so.

Stumbling Block

The Treasury is believed to be the stumbling block to previous plans submitted by the Service chiefs. Now public opinion and the need to retain highly-trained, long service men to operate the army's latest weapons may cause the Treasury to become more generous.

Originally, the Service chiefs opposed the total abolition of conscription. But their later opinion is that the present system, which calls on a pool of

for 18 months only, is just wasteful.

The young man delays his full-time entry into industry; reluctantly accepts army life; is useful as a soldier for perhaps only six months—and then becomes a civilian again.

And the big farming vote?

According to the latest figures, nearly half the farmers in Britain now have an income of over £1,000 a year, more than they have ever had before.

So they should be satisfied with Tory rule.

They are, of course, subsidised by the taxpayer to the extent of an annual £250 million. This sum may be slightly reduced now because the destruction of rabbits by disease last year is estimated to have saved the farmers between £10 and £15 million.

Still, they should not be inclined to cavil at Conservatism which (so the townsmen say) continues to feather their nests.

So the New Year prospects for the Tories should be bright. But the provision is that Sir Anthony Eden does not make an enemy of the man in the cloth who signs the whole of the country's prayer books.

LONDON EXPRESS SERVICE



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

West Resists  
Spade Lead

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH's bid of two no-trump in today's hand may seem very foolish at first glance, but it was actually a very fine choice. It was clear that North would double his vulnerable opponents if he really had a good hand and strength in their suits, so that the bid of two no-trump was bound to mean that he had a different kind of hand.

There was a need for a "fancy" bid if North held length in the suit named, for then he would be glad to find it. Hence, very logically, North's bid meant that he had length and strength in both minor suits and that he wanted South to choose one of the minors.

As it happened, South was not interested in either minor and he passed. The normal contract of four hearts, which only careful defence could beat.

West caught the queen of diamonds and dummy won with the ace. Declarer led to his hand with the ace of trumps, finished the queen of clubs and started a

NORTH 7			
♠ 4			
♥ 5			
♦ A 8 7 6 4 3			
♣ A Q 7 3			
WEST (D) EAST			
♠ A K 10 5 4 2	♥ 7		
♥ Q J 4	♦ 9 8 2		
♦ Q	♣ K 10 5		
♣ K J 5	♠ 10 8 4 2		
SOUTH			
♠ Q J 8 6			
♥ A K 10 8 7 3			
♦ J 2			
♣ 6			
East-West vol			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	3
Pass	4	Double	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

diamond in the ace of clubs, and ruffed a club. Then he cashed the king of trumps and let another trump to West's queen.

By this time West had only spades left, and the temptation to cash the top spades was very strong. West resisted the temptation because he knew that South held four spades. If West took the top spades, South would make the rest, thus fulfilling the contract. West knew about the spades, because South couldn't have any more clubs or diamonds, and it was easy to count the trumps.

After coming to this conclusion, West led a low spade. East put up the nine, and South won with the jack. Now South had to lose three spade tricks, and the game contract was defeated.

## ♥-CARD Sense-♦

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass  
1 NT  
You, South, hold:  
♠ A J 10 5 4 3 2 ♠ A Q J 10 4 3  
What do you do?  
A—Bid three diamonds. You want to make sure of getting to game, preferably in spades or no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
1 Heart Pass 1 Heart Pass  
2 Heart Pass 2 Heart Pass  
You, South, hold:  
♠ A 3 ♠ A K 10 8 7 3 ♠ A J 7 5 ♠ 7 4  
What do you do?  
Answer Tomorrow

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE farmer who stopped a train the other day by pulling the communication cord, and then got out and began to walk calmly across a field, evidently wanted to be dropped near his home.

I was once in a Basque train when some peasants fired their guns at frequent intervals from the outside platform between coaches. The guard said to me: "They always do this to stop the train. But we never stop, and they never get tired of doing it. So everybody has his fun."

Mr. Mitchell is elected for Mid-Ulster for the third time. The question will arise: How often must a candidate for Mid-Ulster be elected before becoming an MP? And if the only way to have one's election pronounced valid is to be beaten by an opponent whom the electorate has rejected, what becomes of the dear little rural democracy?

Interlude.....  
WHEN I was Mayor of Glasgow  
Profound: Why do you say such a foolish thing?

Myself: There is nothing ridiculous in being Mayor of Glasgow—at least, not very ridiculous; not if you make allowances. Besides, somebody in Glasgow is sure to look up the records and write to tell me that I am lying. Need I say that I did not use my own name when I became mayor? Also, people in Glasgow will say, "I see Glasgow is mentioned today in that column written by an ex-mayor." The news will get about, the circulation will be up, and all because I do not forget the town which gave me its confidence at a difficult moment in civil affairs.

Hat chases man

A gust of wind the other day blew a man's hat off and planted it on the head of another man. The first man was probably working out the odds against this happening again. I remember seeing a man chasing his hat in Sheffield on a windy day. The hat went bowling merrily along and then suddenly, the wind changed, and the hat came rushing back towards the owner. He was so terrified that he turned and ran, with the hat in close pursuit. I was with the old bookish Observer at the time, and I telephoned the story. It was a great chance for a "scoop," but the News Editor wouldn't believe that I was telling the truth. I will see the terror in that man's eyes as the hat like some ferocious little animal hunted its quarry.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

BORN today, you are practical and have a true gift for leadership. However, your emotions are cuffed at a high notch, and you are easily guided into impulsive action, which may not seem to make too much sense at the time. When passion against you will, you will make snap judgments. Sometimes the decisions are sound and work out perfectly. At other times you regret them, but you are much too proud and self-sufficient to beg off. You have high ambitions and although your life may not be an exact copy of a prince's, you will reach an early success. Whether you can maintain that through-out a long period of time depends upon your ability to keep on producing.

You are energetic, assertive, imaginative and an active ability will be of great assistance to you.

You have an ability to sway the public and you probably will do so in any profession in which you have direct contact with the people. They may not agree with you in every detail, but eventually they will have to respect your capabilities and go along with you. Be sure that you hold your ideals high at all times. Among those born on this date are: Eva Lee Gallienne, actress; producer, Alexander Hamilton and Dwight Morrow, statesmen; Chester Conklin, comedian; Ezra Cornell and Francis Brown, educators; Hayard Taylor and Thomas Hardy, authors; Oliver Wendell, financier; Bernard De Voto, historian.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20): This is not the best day to take up important matters, with the best. Wait for a better mood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Take the lead in professional matters. You will find that other people are looking to you for important decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Be cautious about business matters. Make sure that you take good care of all details.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Your emotions may not be too trustworthy when it comes to love and romance, so go slow.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21): All projects having to do with industry can bring excellent profits. Check your investments.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22): Stars say it is a good time for clearing a business deal which may have been pending for some time.

CANCER (June 23-July 23): Be careful in dealing with a loved one today for there may be emotional stress, the self-control.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): Your job or profession, if it has to do with love or government work, should bring you rewarding results.

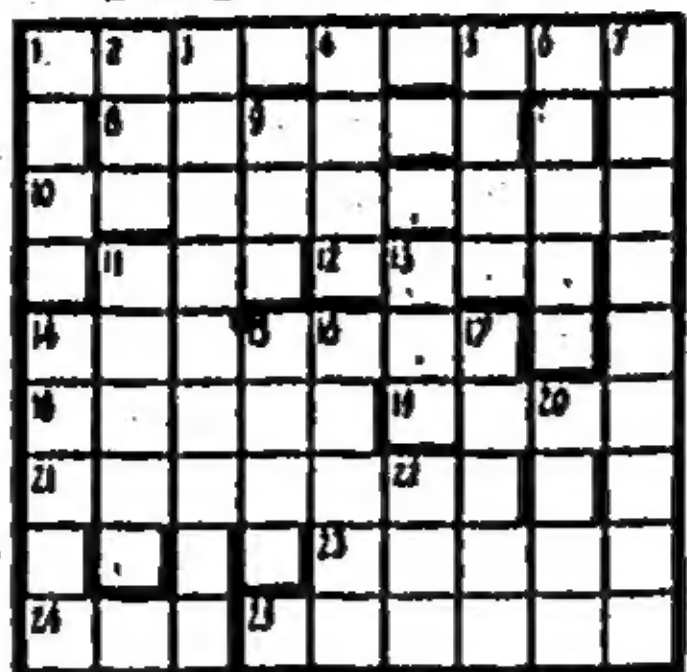
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): The more you study, the more you learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Matters connected with your home will be of paramount importance just now. Solve perplexities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You may find that domestic matters call for your most careful attention. Take care.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): Job opportunities are promising today, if only you are smart enough to hear the "knocking."

## CROSSWORD



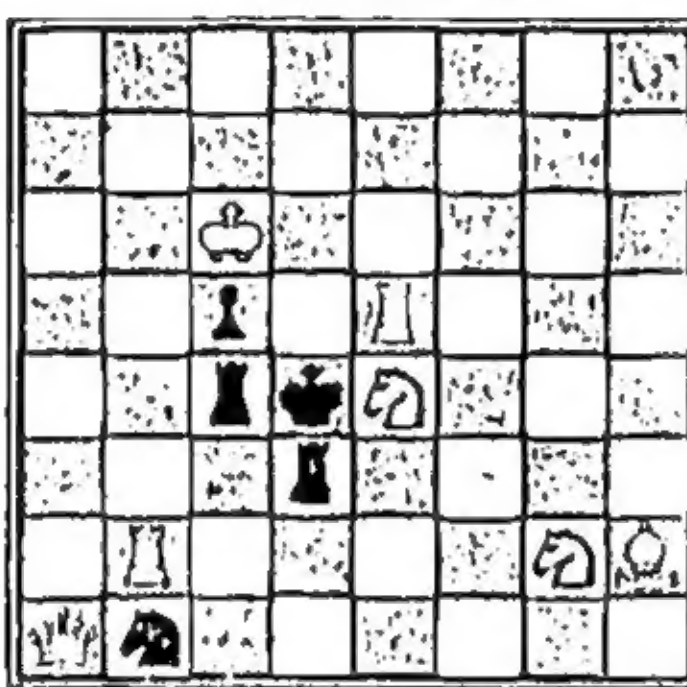
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19. Many a man of the mountains looks well in this. (4)  
21. Homer seems to be known best for doing this. (7)  
23. He brings out the best in a piano. (6)  
24. Sea waves are in the song. (8)  
25. This counts more than anything in this country. (6)

Down  
1. It's 1955. (4)  
2. O the winners are revealed. (10)  
3. Hour of the stage. (9)  
4. Medal for a fine victory. (4)  
5. Tight. (4)  
6. Entertain without this. (6)  
7. They put out into France. (9)  
9. Partner in the Quidditch. (10)  
11. Pot got into the train's home. (10)  
13. Scene of first queue. (8)  
14. This is a very old name. (8)  
15. She stood with a willow in her hand. (4)  
16. To do the class. (10)  
17. They often saw a for their children. (10)  
20. Place in local theatre. (4)  
22. Unhappy was a fate to become one. (10)

Answers to yesterday's crossword  
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## CHESS PROBLEM

By L. C. LACERDA and F. MENDES DE MORAES  
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Q-P, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K mates.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Junior Can't Swim

—But Knarf Shows Him How to Make the Best of Things—

By MAX TRELL

ALL the way up at the top of the hill, Knarf the shadow-boy, could hear Pixie O'Cop's voice saying over and over again:

"Now you just go home and forget it, my boy. Just go home..."

Knarf couldn't see either Pixie O'Cop or who it was he was talking to. Pixie O'Cop's voice came from somewhere down at the bottom of the hill, probably, as Knarf figured it out, near the brook.

Down Near The Brook

Knarf went down to the foot of the hill where the brook ran by under the shade of the thick trees and the thickets. Pixie O'Cop's voice was now saying:

"But you can't swim! No one in your whole family can swim! It isn't right for you to swim!"

And finally, on a flat stone that jutted a way over the slow moving current of the brook, Knarf came on Pixie O'Cop.

Pixie O'Cop was dressed as usual, in a green uniform with a hollow acorn (worn upside down) for a hat. He was talking to a small, long-legged Junior Long Legs who was, of course, the son of Daddy Long Legs.

"He wants to swim! Just think of it, R." Pixie O'Cop said when he looked up and saw Knarf.

Lots Of Folks Do  
"I don't know why not," said Junior Long Legs. "Lots of folks can swim, can't they?"

"Certainly lots of folks can swim," said Pixie O'Cop. "What's that got to do with it?"

"If frogs can swim," said Junior Long Legs, "and ducks can swim, I don't see why I can't swim." He had said this, Junior Long Legs looked at Knarf.

"Well... I don't know," said Knarf.

"I've got more legs than they have," said Junior Long Legs.

"I ought to be able to swim better."

Finally, Pixie O'Cop said: "To my way of thinking, Junior, if you're so set on swimming why don't you just hop in the brook and swim!"

"Good idea," said Junior. Saying this, he jumped into the water of the brook. The next second he was shouting at the top of his voice:

"Help! I'm drowning!"

Pixie O'Cop took off his coat, kicked off his shoes, threw off his hat and dived in. He pulled Junior Long Legs back on shore.

"Fellers like you shouldn't try to swim," Pixie O'Cop said to Junior Long Legs. "Why can't you be satisfied just walking?"

But Knarf got an idea. He noticed a leaf floating by and that made him think of just what to do.

So he went and found another leaf and cut it into flat pieces, each about the size of a small head. He put one piece under each of Junior Long Legs' feet and tied them with spider webs.

"They look like flat shoes!" exclaimed Junior.

"They're water shoes," said Knarf. He helped Junior step carefully into the water.

Rupert and the New Boat—18



Algy Pug is full of joy. "That story that you and Gregory told us sounded queer, but it's worked out just as you said," he declares. "I didn't write to Santa Claus for my kite, but here it is. Look, he's sent me a beauty! How did you get on?" "He hasn't sent me any more," says Rupert.

mine, at least not yet," says Rupert, as they move towards the common. "I don't quite understand why..." Suddenly he is interrupted by a shout as Bill runs up with his new ball. Then Willie Mouse brings his new model airplane to show them.

## WOMANSENSE



This tunic style black jersey from Lola Prussac has a unique neckline. The golden earrings and necklace are studded with red beads.—Agence France-Press.

## Should You Fix "Specials" For A Finicky Eater?

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

YOU may know a child of five, twelve or fifteen, who is very finicky about foods. He may refuse certain foods served to the family; he may demand special favourite dishes or even prepare them for himself. When he grows to be forty or sixty he may still be just as finicky about foods.

When you place a bit of strange food in the mouth of a baby, he may expect it or make grimaces while keeping it in his mouth. It may surprise him with its unaccustomed temperature, texture and taste.

If you are patient and offer him only a tiny morsel the second time, then try this food on him later, he may gradually become adapted to it and may even come to like it. But if you give up and don't continue to try him on new foods, he may soon grow resistant to nearly all unfamiliar foods. As he grows older, he may refuse

to taste an unfamiliar food at all.

One mother writes: "I have a 5-year-old boy who is not a problem eater when it comes to the few foods he likes. But, unfortunately, he never tries any new foods."

"This makes it quite difficult for me to have variety in the meals I prepare for the family. In order to avoid any comment on the part of my 5-year-old, I often have some food of a meal he likes and heat it for him, or prepare something special for him, while the rest of the family eats something else. I am concerned that, if I go on this way, my boy will not have a varied diet."

"For instance, he never eats potatoes or vegetables, except for raw foods; he eats only green beans and will not eat spaghetti or a casseroles dish."

My advice to this woman and others with a similar problem is this:

Don't prepare special foods for that child. Expect him to eat a small amount of at least one new food, which is served to the family at any meal, before he gets anything else to eat.

If he doesn't want anything else, let him go without food for that meal. Be sure he gets no food before the next regular meal, especially no sweets. But make it clear to him that he can have as little of this food as he likes, even if it is no bigger than a pea, just so long as it is visible. Always let him tell you how small the portion you shall serve him or let him serve himself.

We did this with our own children when they were young. When they discovered how little of any new food they were expected to eat, they were intrigued. Gradually, they learned to enjoy and even to beg for foods they once were sure they would never like.

## What kind of woman are you?

Think of the women you admire for their charm and vitality. They have discovered the secret of happiness. How do you capture the emotion... as elusive as love? I believe that a few lucky mortals are born with it. But others can cultivate it, too...

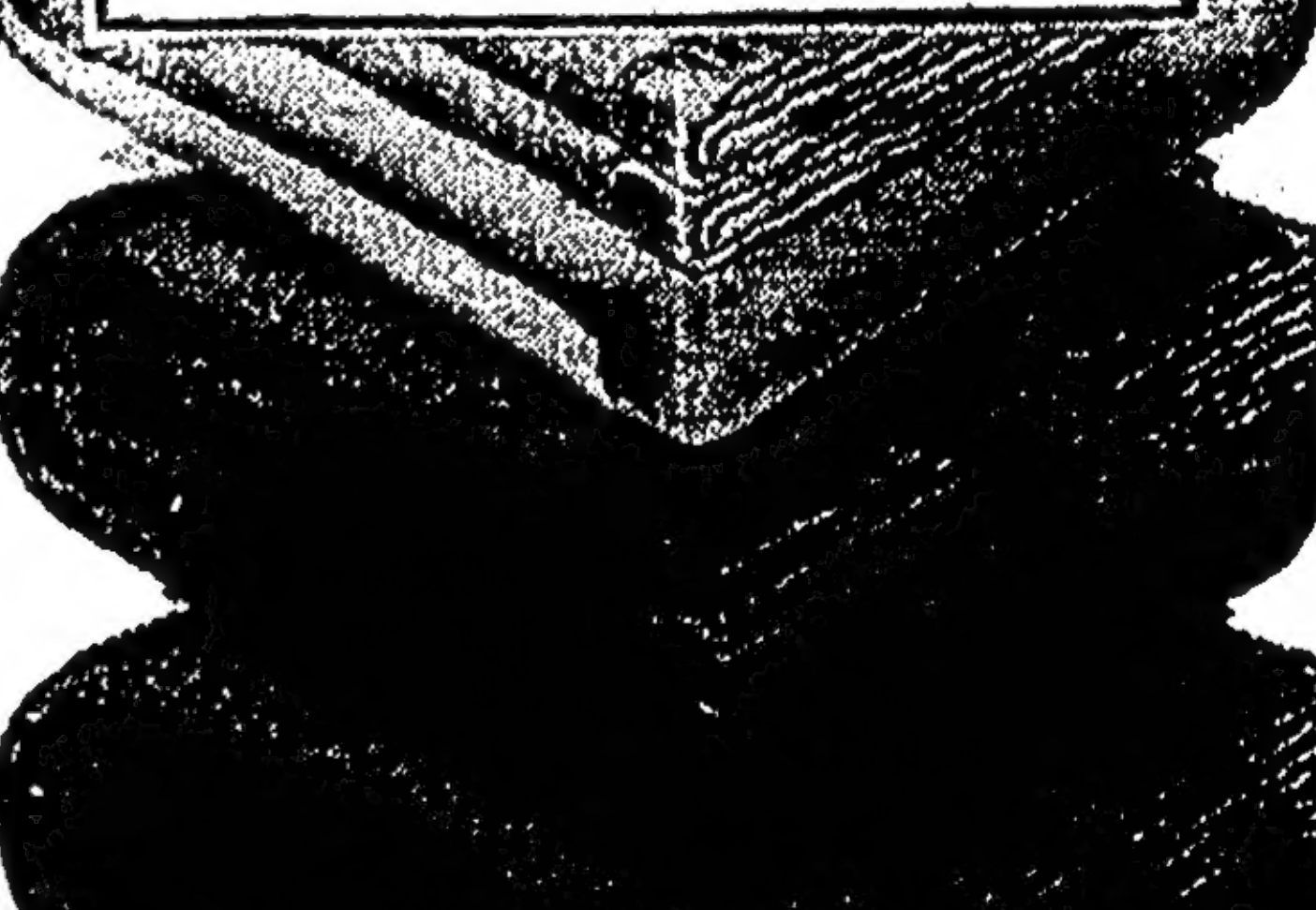


Tomorrow EILEEN ASCROFT begins these fascinating articles in which every woman will see herself... as she is... as she could be

From her personal knowledge of the world's most interesting and successful women, from her talks with doctors, marriage, social and fashion experts, Eileen Ascroft has created a series that will intrigue every woman who wants to find more in her life.

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## This Funny World



"May I have forty cents for some coffee, sir? I'm treating a few friends."







# ADVENTURE IS NEEDED IN 1956 SOCCER

Says ARTHUR DREWRY  
(Chairman Of The Football Association)

There is inspiration in the football outlook for 1956, for there is much to do in a changing world, and the rewards for success are great! The modern tendency to live far from the daily work has many compensations, but it puts domestic and economic forces up against regular support of the old club. But people still want football, as the Christmas attendances showed, and it may well be that, if they cannot come to football, then football must go to them.

The fast-rising suburbs round the new towns must be catered for.

It is all part of the "new age" that entertainment must have a spice of the unexpected. I could wish for new and unusual opponents in addition to the "bread and butter" League games.

## FLOODLIGHTING

I believe that those responsible for the arrangement of the present fixture lists will recognise the desire for some adventure.

The answer may be in the careful use of floodlighting.

When the lights went up in the closing stages of the recent England v. Spain game at Wembley, I think something unexpected far more important than the mere throwing of a switch.

The lights illuminated two things; how right it was that

the experiment should be made at that time; and how eagerly the 100,000 at the Empire Stadium, representative of interested millions, welcomed it.

## ROOM FOR TELEVISION

From this to television. It is easy to see the lure that TV, in the comfort of the home or big-screen cinema, has for a great number of people, especially in bad weather.

Television is not a menace to football, nor a substitute for it. It is here to stay, and we must make room for it. It can be of immense benefit and importance to football.

I remember my predecessor as League president, when talking of promotion and relegation in that great competition, used to say of two up and two down: "It is no such thing. In the Third Division it is two up and none down; only in the Second Division is it two up and two down, for in the First Division it is two down and none up."

So, you see, it is very tough at the top.

I am always pleased to see a little unfair to the First Division, and I have pondered on the possibility of a top section, of restricted numbers, promoted from the First Division, with enough spare dates for other attractive fixtures, but still within the League.

I am sure that those who think the standard of the game has dropped, on the contrary, I have seen much improvement in the quality of many games I have seen recently.

And I have been able to see more amateur football. The recent variety of matches at Wembley, a most skillful and stirring encounter, observed a mass player crowd to watch and delight in the purpose and method behind the moves of these gifted young amateur players.

## COULD END DRIFT

I hope that in future the amateur clubs and schools will take even more advantage of the first-class coaching system offered by the Football Association.

If we can ensure that such games as the variety match will be seen by many more masters and schools we shall have less about a "drift" to Rugby by some of the grammar and public schools. There were intelligent and skillful there, as well as recreation in plenty.

A final word. In 1956 I would like to see England become more conscious of FIFA, and of our place in the world game.

## THE VITAL VIEW

I was never so proud of England as I am today. The correspondent says our football prestige has declined internationally, that we no longer count for so much.

But even with 88 national football associations affiliated to FIFA, all keen for a place in the Soccer sun, the first question when a problem arises is: "What does England say about it?" And for England read Britain, for we think together on these things.

In England we play the game for the sake of the game.

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# DRAW FOR FA CUP 4th ROUND

London, Jan. 9. The draw for the fourth round of the Football Association Cup competition made last night resulted as follows (ties to be played on Saturday, January 28):

York City v. Sunderland.  
West Bromwich Albion v. Portsmouth.  
Southend United v. Manchester City or Blackpool.  
West Ham United v. Cardiff City.  
Liverpool v. Southampton United or Scarborough United.  
Barnsley v. Blackburn Rovers.  
Aston Villa v. Bedford Town v. Aston Villa or Hull City.  
Bolton Wanderers or Huddersfield Town v. Sheffield United.  
Bury or Burnley v. Chelsea.  
Hull City v. Doncaster Rovers.  
Luton Town v. Leicester City v. Stoke City.  
Preston v. Everton.  
Fulham v. Newcastle United.  
Replays, if necessary, on or before Thursday, February 2.—Router.

## BURNLEY BEAT BURY

London, Jan. 10. Burnley beat Bury 2-0 in their FA Cup third round tie at Bury today.

The match had to be abandoned because of fog last Saturday when the teams were tied, 2-2.

Burnley are now at home to Chelsea in the fourth round.—Router.

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# Auckland To Stage 1964 Olympic Games?

Melbourne, Jan. 10. Auckland has applied to the International Olympic Committee to stage the 1964 Olympic Games, Mr. Edgar Tanner, Secretary of the Melbourne Olympic Organising Committee, said today.

He said the deputy chairman of the Auckland Provisional Games Committee, Mr. Rex Moon, would wait Melbourne soon to study the possibilities of this year's games.

# Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Soccer: Combined Services Hockey trial at Sookunpo, 3 p.m.  
Badminton: Inter-school badminton at Queen's College, 8 p.m.  
**TOMORROW**  
Table Tennis: Police Inter-Division, Maxwell Shield at Boundary Street, 3 p.m.  
Land Forces: Open Championship at Manukau Stadium, 8.30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Soccer: Combined Services Hockey trial at Sookunpo, 3 p.m.  
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# Flamboyance Should Be Victor Mature's Middle Name

Says ROBERT ROBINSON

A forthcoming fellow in Victor Mature. He does not hedge. He does not pretend he sits home and knits. He is no violet.

Flamboyance should be his middle name. (And probably is). When Mr. Mature lunches down at Elstree he calls for a whole chicken, eats a couple of legs, and throws the rest over one shoulder.

Are the lamps in his dressing-room too bright? With his fine hands Mr. Mature removes the two hot globes and crushes them into small pieces.

"But," I say to him, "I have heard nothing of you recently. Is England tiring you down? Have you turned folksy like all the rest?"

"Well," says Mr. Mature, rubbing a cold, ham-and-egg breakfast out of the beard he wears as Zarak Khan, "I have just had a separation which cost me 600,000 dollars. I wouldn't call that chintzy."

And he tells me how he spent Christmas.

"I went on a three-day dancing jag. Started dancing one morning at nine o'clock and ended up at five a.m. three days later. Funny thing is, I don't like dancing."

## PUT-UP JOB

He operates in a big way. That time he founced out of the Savoy claiming he was off to New York to get a bath since he couldn't get one in London.

The whole thing was a put-up job. "I had someone I wanted to see in New York," grins Mature.

"I knew darn well the studio wouldn't let me go—so I threw a phony temper tantrum, acted dignified and pretended I wanted a bath."

"Boy, what a publicity gag! Even Warwick films—the people I'm working for—admitted that."

Mr. Mature does not say "Warwick." He studiously refuses to pronounce it any way but "War-wick"—and his conversation is larded with male-problems and explosives in about equal proportions.

To biblical bookends—roles like Samson—Mr. Mature's attitude is robustly commercial. "Three films run for two and three years in Africa and places like that."

"Only the other day I was walking through the Sahara in Tangier and the ladies were sticking their heads out of windows and moaning 'Samson, Samson' as I passed."

"It's good show-business, boy. Why do Mille's Ten Commandments go to make 100 million dollars?"

"If you and me shared two per cent of that, son, we could tell the cinema public and your newspaper both to go take a bark at themselves."

## PENALTY

But the penalties of being the daddy of beefcake are severe. "They were swarming up the drainpipes in Tangier," Mr. Mature admits, "and we had to call the fire-brigade."

And one morning Mr. Mature awoke to find half a dozen adoring bobby-soxers clustered half-wittedly at the end of his bed. They had broken in...

Rita Hayworth is his favourite leading lady, Lucille Ball the only one he had difficulty with. He would have got on fine with Joan Bennett, if during the rehearsal of a scene where he had to slap her, he hadn't misjudged the distance and knocked her property-wig off.

## RETREAT

"Only one person in the world thinks I can really act," says Mr. Mature, moodily, "my mother. But she wants me to play nice parts where I wear ties."

He takes no exercise in his fifteen since in trim.

## WORLD BRIDGE

Paris, Jan. 10. The French team today increased its lead to 63 international points in the contract bridge World Championship, which is being played in Paris. France has now scored 229 international points against America's 168.

In total game points, France had 60,780 against America's 54,310 after 144 hands.—France Press.

We started the column this week with soccer and it seems as good a way as any to finish it off. The draw for the semi-finals of the Soccer Shield has been made.

There is certain to be a great demand for tickets. The game is scheduled for early February and those who want to get a ticket are advised to keep a close look-out for news of how they can be obtained. It should be possible to buy your tickets through the common news agency.

"When they pose me for pictures in gymnasiums I'm still for weight. I use muscles I never knew existed."

"They kid people I'm an outdoor boy. Why, they come round and take pictures of me living in a tent. Boy, as soon as they've got me up the garden path, and back into the house..."

"They take pictures of me with dogs. They try to take pictures of me sucking papes."

"I've put up with the dogs, but they haven't succeeded in getting a pipe into my mouth yet..."

To the jaded columnist, Mr. Mature is a good dead in a naughty world.

In the foggy firmament of the film stars he shines like a beacon.

He is currently the only reason I don't take up knitting myself...

Would you call a clown, a clown? They're wrong. He is an "august"—the one who wears coloured make-up and baggy trousers.

The clown is his white-faced, immaculately dressed partner.

Of the 100 and more clowns and jugglers now delighting holiday audiences in Britain, only about a dozen receive the top salary (£20 to £25 a week). The rest are "lucky" to make £12.

## DECLINE

Spare a thought for them, then as you watch the buckets of whitewash poured over them. Spare a thought for many who have been acrobats and trapeze artists, and have taken to clowning after an injury...

It is a hard life—and clowning in England (says Mr. Harry Nutkins, of Bertram Miller Circus, an authority on the subject) is on the decline.

"Once the clowns were the stars of the circus—now they just run on and off."

But they stick to their trade. Coco, the famous clown, once worked as a night-porter for 25/- a week till he could make a comeback in the circus ring.

And others take any odd jobs during the off-season, returning faithfully to the Big Top during the winter.

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## DEATHS

**MARTIN**—Thomas Archdale Martin, dearly beloved husband of Mary and father of Anthony and Timothy, passed away peacefully at the Middle Hospital on Tuesday, 10th January, 1956. Memorial service will be held at the St. John's Cathedral at 4 p.m. today. Coffin will pass the Monument at 4.40 p.m. of the same day.

**NOLASCO DA SILVA**—Guido Leonor de Menezes passed away peacefully January 10, 1956 in Macao, beloved wife of Henrique Nolasco da Silva, mother of Henrique, Antonio, Frederico and Joao. Funeral will take place in Macao at 6 p.m. January 11, 1956.

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As a result of amendments to the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) which came into effect on 15th September, 1955, dividends are no longer subject to deduction of Hong Kong Corporation Profits Tax.

## NOTICE

**THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION**  
Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 10th day of March, 1956, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1955, and for the election of Directors and fixing their remuneration and the appointment of Auditors.

**THE REGISTER OF SHARES** of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March to Friday, the 18th of March, 1956, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
**MICHAEL V. TURNER,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 10th Jan., 1956.

# FRANCO'S TASK FOR 1956?

## Drives For Housing And Literacy

By Henry Buckley

Madrid, Jan. 10.

The feature of trends in Spain during 1956 is likely to be to give a more permanent political framework to the present regime.

Substantial sections of Monarchist, Falangist and Catholic circles have accepted, at least tentatively, General Francisco Franco's plan for a "Modern Monarchy," with the 17-year-old Prince Juan Carlos of Bourbon, grandson of the late King Alfonso, as candidate for the throne.

In Catholic and Falangist circles, there is a strong conviction that Spain needs urgently a long term plan to raise the general level of living of the masses.

Intensive study is being made of the French Monnet Plan and the Italian Vannoli Plan, which are rich in ideas.

## Press Freedom

Catholic circles tend to lean to a solution based on overall State control, but with private enterprise predominating. Falangist circles propose nationalisation of the banks and sharp measures against monopolies.

A greater measure of freedom of the press seems to be foreseen. General Franco recently gave his first press conference in which he answered all questions put to him. The conference was for United States correspondents only, but it marks a new attitude towards the press.

A new press law was proposed in 1955 by the Minister of Information but it was rejected by Catholic and Falangist circles and was withdrawn. The main proposal to which Catholics and Falangists objected was that the Minister of Information should appoint newspaper editors. The object of this was to remove the editor from the commercial or political pressure of the proprietor of the publication.

## Housing Problem

Critics, however, while agreeing that it was desirable that editors should not have to adjust news and views to meet the wishes of newspaper owners, thought that they might come too much under the pressure of the Government.

Other problems now being studied in Spain are those of building more houses, particularly at moderate prices, and the necessity for abolishing illiteracy, which still plagues 14 per cent of the population over the age of ten years.

## Three Stages

His rule so far has fallen into three clearly-defined stages:

1. From the end of the civil war in 1939 until 1945, the primary aim was liquidation of the war problems, reconstruction and keeping the nation free from entanglement in World War II.

2. In 1945, Franco named a new Government to face the problems of isolation and industrialization and to deal with the acute national shortage of food and primary materials.

3. The end of isolation and of food shortages in 1951 was marked by a further Cabinet change, after which the new Government was entrusted with the task of stabilising prices and commercial conditions.

Nelson - Fifty-five ended successfully for General Franco. The admission of Spain into the United Nations Organisation marked her return to the international community. It constituted a set-back for opposition circles which had argued that Spain must change her regime in order to achieve full international recognition.

## Urgent Need

Now, in the year in which he will complete 20 years since he first became head of Nationalist Spain on October 1, 1936, General Franco is expected to mark 1956 by the inauguration of a new, and fourth, stage of his rule.

This fourth stage will aim at giving the nation a permanent political framework, a long term economic policy aimed at raising the purchasing power of the masses, and at a two-pronged drive to end illiteracy and to provide adequate housing.

## 300 Pilgrims Stranded In Jordan

Jerusalem, Jan. 10. Three hundred out of 600 Greek Orthodox pilgrims who visited Bethlehem in Jordan for a celebration of the Orthodox Greek Christmas last Friday were stranded in Jordan, returning pilgrims said here tonight.

Three hundred pilgrims reached the Israeli sector of Jerusalem in the afternoon in an armed convoy, protected by Jordan troops and armed Jordan police.

They said that when passing an Arab refugee camp near Jericho, they had been stoned by the inhabitants of the camp. The situation in Jordan, they said, was still tense.—France-Press.

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## Hostesses In Training



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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**  
By Air  
Formosa, USA, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 8 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**  
By Air  
Japan, 8 a.m.  
Canada, 8 a.m.  
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.  
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.  
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany and Great Britain, Noon  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 2 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Formosa, 1 p.m.  
Japan, Canada, 4 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**  
By Surface  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**  
By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Formosa, 1 p.m.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 2 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**  
By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Formosa, 1 p.m.  
Japan, Canada, 4 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**  
By Air  
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.  
Guam, Hawaii, USA, 1 p.m.

Five Japanese girls, all from Tokyo, chosen by British Overseas Airways Corporation to train as air hostesses for their Far Eastern flights, are being schooled in the art of serving meals and attending to passengers at the BOAC Training Centre at Heston. The picture shows them receiving instruction in serving wine and foods aboard a mock air-liner.—Express Photo.

## Penny Saves Weasel

Melbourne, Jan. 10. A penny and a piece from a pressure stove helped an Australian expedition press 220 miles into the Antarctic Continent after their tracked Weasel carrier broke down. The explorers used them to seal off an engine cylinder which was not working and the Weasel kept going across the ice on its remaining five cylinders, according to reports reaching here.

The expedition surveyed a possible gap through a range of mountains which blocks the way south from the Australian base at Mawson.—China Mail Special.

# New Controversy In New Zealand Over Immigration

Wellington, Jan. 10.

Reports reaching here of Australia's recent celebrations on the arrival of her millionth immigrant, have raised a new controversy over New Zealand's own immigration policy.

Whether New Zealand needs "to populate or perish" has never been decided unanimously here. Most people agree that some immigration is desirable, but there is a faction which believes that the cure for all the country's economic ills lies in a large scale influx of people from Britain and Europe.

The chief advocate of those who would step up the rate of immigration is Mr. A. L. Hunt, president of the Dominion Settlement and Population Association, who said that it was disturbing that at a time of unparalleled prosperity, immigration was declining instead of increasing.

The Minister of Immigration, Mr. Ralph Hanan, had announced that, for the year ending March 31, 1956, total immigrants would fall for short of the target of 15,000, and 5,000 short of the total last year. The estimated gain for the year would be between 10,000 and 11,000, he said, including 6,000 stateless immigrants—2,000 below the target.

To all of which, the President of the Federation of Labour, Mr. E. P. Walsh, retorted: "New Zealand's percentage increase of population during the last four years is higher than that of Australia"—9.9 per cent compared with 9.4 per cent in Australia.

The maximum annual population increase which the country can absorb without damaging the economy is 2½ per cent, according to Professor Horace Belshaw, the New Zealand economist.

The actual annual increase for each of the past four years has been 2.23 per cent, 2.74 per cent, and 2.48 per cent and 2.10 per cent respectively—which shows that whether by accident or design, the Government's policy is in line with Professor Belshaw's theory.

Many union leaders are known however, to be opposed to even the present rate of immigration. Jealousy guarding the rights and privileges won by workers over the years, they declare that immigrants "are prepared to work through morning tea breaks in a n other ways to allow the standard of working conditions to be lowered.—China Mail Special.

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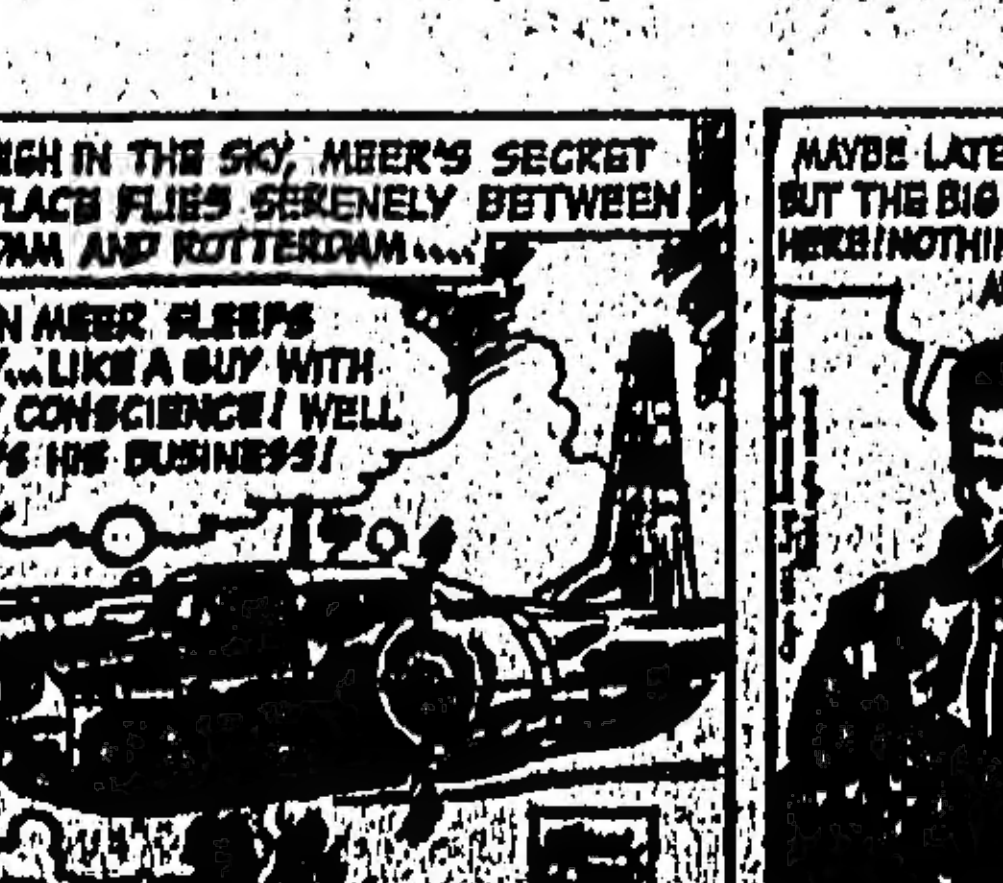
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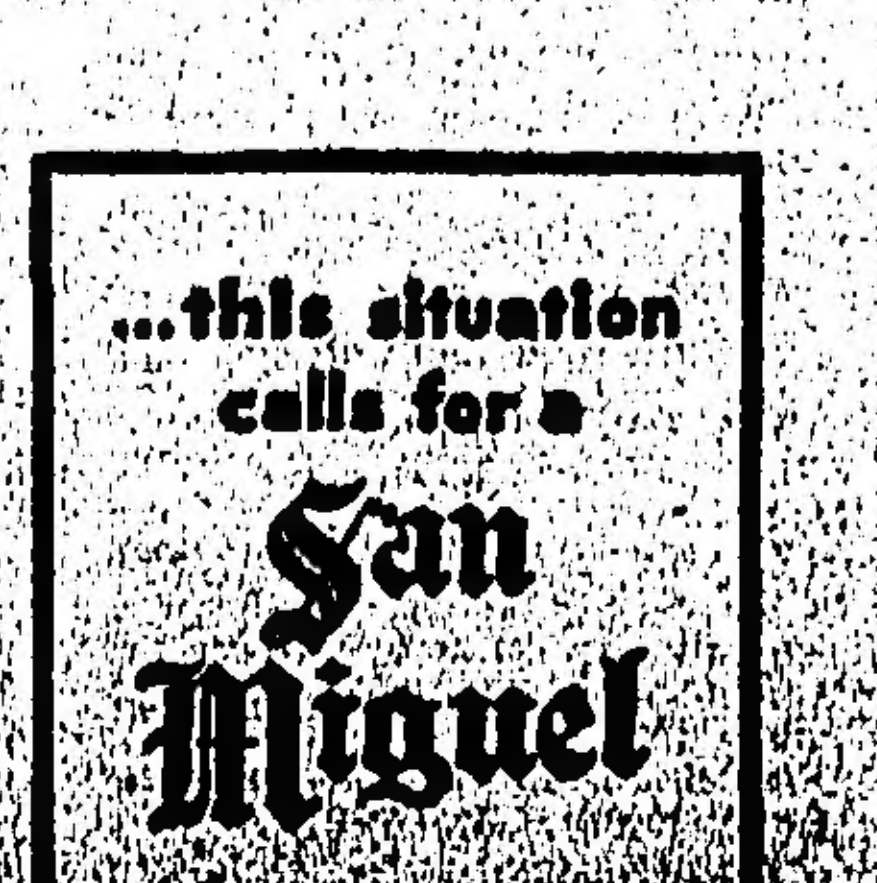
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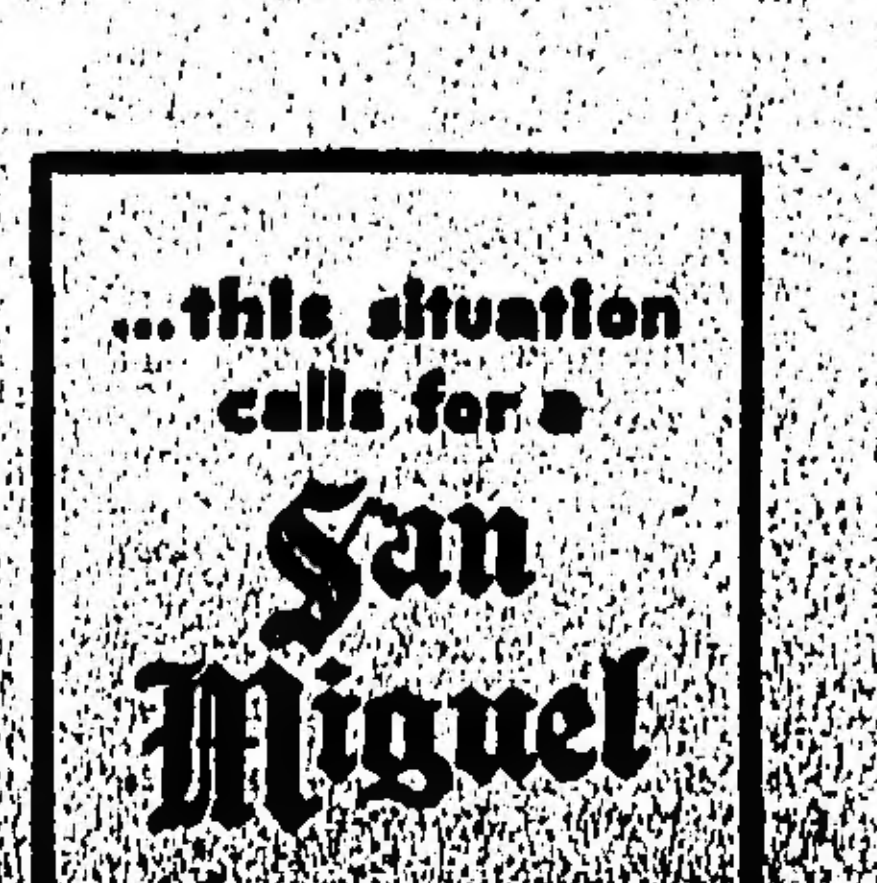
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## GERMANS TOLD TO FACE REALITIES

## NY COTTON FUTURES EXTEND GAINS

New York, Jan. 10. Cotton futures extended their recent gains in moderate dealings today, with the July contract paving the way.

At the close prices ruled 10 to 15 points higher. The market opened three to 12 points higher. New Orleans closed 10 to 34 points higher. The pending futures program, which was in effect since January 1, has been extended to July 1, 1956.

However, new crop monthly encounters a pessimistic outlook. A new crop of cotton is expected to be a much smaller crop than the one harvested last year. The cotton market is expected to be a much smaller crop than the one harvested last year.

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Month	Volume	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan	21,000	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Feb	10,000	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Mar	10,000	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
Apr	10,000	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
May	10,000	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Jun	10,000	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Jul	10,000	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Aug	10,000	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Sep	10,000	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Oct	10,000	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Nov	10,000	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Dec	10,000	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Jan	10,000	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Feb	10,000	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Mar	10,000	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Apr	10,000	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
May	10,000	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Jun	10,000	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Jul	10,000	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
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## Aid For Shivering Street Sleepers

# Mission Workers' Nightly Mission Of Mercy

BY WILLIAM SMYLY

Another night of intense cold for the Colony's 6,000 street-sleepers brought out new stocks of welfare clothing and bedding from many organizations yesterday for distribution.

Among the Colony's homeless the word spread round — "You can get it here — They are giving it away there — Hot soup — Children's clothing — Men's overcoats — Blankets — Bedding —"

Relief organizations, about whom the rumors circulated, were besieged.

In the words of one of the veteran workers, the REV. A. K. R. (74) who has worked in a steady expatriate mission organization and Bible Mission off Nathan Road, for the last 47 years: "The trouble is to get it out to the people who need it most."

The Red Cross, however, living in the same conditions as the flat at 503 Nathan Road, where they live for 41 days, felt the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, have a continual stream of people knocking on their glass door, asking for aid.

Mr. Reiton, called "Dad," says that the angel at his door, throughout the 41 days, every one, from the building and every other building in the area, was bled below. But no one ever thought of knocking at the glass door on the first floor of 503.

When in the end they ran out and they sent a Chinese boy to tell the Japanese that they were there, then reports could not believe it.

### THE ANGEL

An angel is still at the Reiton's door. But now it takes the form of a Cantonese serving girl with a prodigious memory for faces and a mind that "smells out a phony." Mary is the person that she serves away because she has seen his face too often. She has even caught him outside to hold her coat, while they went up to the Reiton's house shivering in their shirts to beg for another.

The problem is still how to reach the ones that need most the aid that the Reiton's receive in their hard-out by armfuls.

Yesterday morning and night, in packed barracks of 200 to 1000, were sent out for distribution at extensions of the mission at Aberdeen, Cheung Chau, Lantau, Mo, Fan Chu, and Pokfulam.

### TO THE STREETS

But the main distribution came late last night when the streets were quiet, and street-sleepers shivered on the pavement. The missionaries took the goods to the streets and gave them away right there.

Mr. Reiton knocked on a roof of packing cases and called out: "How many people inside? Here is something to keep you warm. We are from the Church. Here is something to keep you warm."

Mr. Norman Turner (teacher at the mission's Bible School) jerked aside a blanket hiding a bundle on the street to uncover a mother and three children curled up like wretched little animals by their dim. Turner worked faster. "Here—four of you—four blankets."

The Rev. Paul Sweet was no less busy. Editor of the Mission's life line—a magazine in America called The Flashlight which he writes up in Hong Kong and prints in the States—he was busy with camera and flash equipment taking pictures of the way the people live that the mission serves... pictures that will bring more old overcoats and patchwork quilts from the supporting readers and church groups in America.

Mr. Chan Lue, a Chinese missionary, also distributed with sympathetic speed. The Rev. Russell Clark sat at the head of an ancient Ford keeping pace



Eager hands of a family of street-sleepers reach out for clothing and other forms of aid. The picture was taken last night as Mr. Reiton and his colleagues toured a street-sleepers' area in Kowloon on an errand of mercy.

## 8 PRETTY GIRLS ARE THE ANSWER TO A BOAC HEADACHE

Eight pretty girls, chosen from 90 applicants, were introduced to the Hongkong Press this morning. They are BOAC's answer to the air company's biggest headache in the Far East — helping passengers who don't read English to fill in vaccination forms.

Company officials admit that most English passengers can't always make head or tail of the mass of documents that they have to fill in with blunt pencils or leaky unpressurized fountain pens as their aircraft glides in towards yet another air terminal in another country with local regulations.

By the time distributors had passed up the line of shacks, and hawls, and covered forms lying on door steps, or on punks or on the ground, the street was filled with people and the distributors had to fight their way back to the car and drive off quickly.

The distribution has gone on for many nights. Sometimes in a rough area they have to finish and drive off before completing a section for fear that rough men, desperate with cold, will scum the stock and help themselves. In such cases the distributors usually return quietly at some dead hour the following night and take up again at the place where they were driven off before.

### NOT A STUNT

God's tiny small mission at 105 ancient Street have covered most of the street during the cold nights. But the mission is not a stunt. The distribution is a daily and a programme in the United States buying time on 12 radio net works and services for a daily and on some of them twice-daily programme. Radio listeners buy the magazine. Magazine readers work in church groups making patchwork quilts. Five packers work the year round at the organization's headquarters—a studio and warehouse in California—sorting and packing. And all the year round the bales come out to Hong Kong in monthly shipment till there is no longer any room to move on the Reiton's verandah or in the mission's verity. Then winter comes again, and the old Ford truck, under its nightly load.

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We'd better break him of his 2 o'clock feeding pretty soon, or we'll get big faster than he does!"

the smartest, the most efficient, and—by all appearances—though the company deny it—the prettiest.

Eleven were chosen. Three failed the medical examination. Eight fly to England on Saturday. And the company are still looking for three more.

In England the girls will study nursing, catering, "the habits and customs of different nations" otherwise called "sociology" otherwise called "good manners", how to serve meals in an aircraft, and how to fill in forms.

When they get back they will have a job that entitles them to almost free air travel to any place in the world as often as they can manage holiday trips on their recommissioned and annual three weeks holidays.

And a further development which the company may have in the engagement of ground staff from Hongkong to work on the Corporation's headquarters in London and other main terminals.

### DELAYED

The group of Hongkong girls were to have left for England at the same time as a group of five Japanese girls who were recently sent for training to work on the Hongkong-Tokyo run, but they were delayed by passport difficulties. Of the eight girls, two have British passports. The rest come from Shanghai and require special documents.

The eight girls are Miss Ruby Huang (19) speaking Mandarin, Cantonese, Shanghai dialect, and English; Miss Grace Eva Chang (25) speaking Mandarin, Shanghai, Cantonese, and English; Miss Mary Jo Kay (22) speaking English, Korean, Japanese, French, Shanghai, and Cantonese; Miss Edith Chan (22) speaking Mandarin, Cantonese, and English; Miss Jenny Wang (20) speaking Cantonese, Mandarin, Shanghai, and English; Miss Shirley Dee (24) speaking Shanghai, Cantonese, Mandarin, and English; Miss Lily Ning (20) speaking English, Shanghai, Mandarin, and Cantonese; and Miss Rose Wu (21) speaking Mandarin, Shanghai, Cantonese, and English.

All the girls are unmarried. But the company states that it does not insist on unmarried girls. If any of the girls should get married, she could still go on being an air hostess as far as the company is concerned—but her husband would have to pay his own fare if he wanted to join her on one of her free trips for a holiday.

### PIER ON FIRE

Houston, Texas, Jan. 10. Pier No. 1 of the Todd Shipyard on the Houston ship channel caught fire today and the Norwegian tanker Nyholm was reported caught in the flames and possibly burning. One unconfirmed report said the crew was still on the ship. There was no explanation as to why the ship did not move out into the channel and away from the fire.—United Press.

## MASTER MARINER'S LIBEL ACTION

# This Morning's Cross-Examination Of Captain Hood

Mr James M. Hood, Master Mariner, who is suing the Associated Press, Windsor House, for damages for alleged libel, denied at the Supreme Court this morning that he was not so much interested in clearing his reputation as in acquiring an award of damages.

Mr Hood, who was replying to questions by Defence Counsel during cross-examination, declared that he had said during previous proceedings in London that it was not the money he was after.

The action is being heard before Mr Justice James Wicks and a Special Jury of six men and a woman.

Plaintiff's claim is for damages for libel allegedly contained in an article headed "Sailors on blockade runner mutiny, take ship to Taiwan," and published in the Hongkong Tiger Standard on August 16, 1951. Defendants are alleged, in that article, to have printed and published or caused to be printed and published, matter defamatory to the plaintiff.

Plaintiff claims that by reason of the publication complained of he had suffered a loss of earnings at the rate of \$2,000 per month and in addition substantial allowance at the rate of \$500 per month. He also claims special damages for loss of earnings and subsistence allowance at the rate of \$2,500 per month from November 15, 1951, and for general damages.

Yesterday, plaintiff testified that the Capella, of which he was master at the time, was seized from Hongkong for Kobe and that he did not receive any instructions contrary to that, and had no intention of going to any port in Communist China.

Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr Peter Mo, is representing plaintiff. Defendants are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, both instructed by Mr R. F. G. Dennis, of Brutton and Co.

### CROSS-EXAMINATION

Continuing his cross-examination of Mr Hood this morning, Mr McNeill asked him if his story was that, as a result of the alleged libel, it was impossible for him to get a job as a ship's master.

Plaintiff replied he could not get a regular, proper job. Asked what he meant by this, he said he could not get a job with a properly regulated shipping company.

Questioned further, plaintiff said he knew enough of the duties of a master to say whether or not a master should or should not sign shipping clearances.

Mr McNeill asked plaintiff whether he signed the Panamanian Consulate clearance, with regard to the ship's incident. Plaintiff said he was not sure. But he did not sign the Hongkong clearance.

He agreed that after the Capella incident he made out a report of it to Wallam and Co., the ship's agents, on the company's instructions. He did not think that in that report he had stated that he signed both clearances.

Counsel then asked Mr Hood if he had any personal knowledge of the way in which the news items regarding the Capella was handled at Times by Associated Press. Plaintiff said he had not.

Mr McNeill: Do you know Mr Spencer Moosa of the Associated Press?

Plaintiff: No. Never heard of him.

Have you ever had any contact with the Associated Press before the incident?—No.

### NO REASON

Can you think of any single reason why the Associated Press should entertain any feeling of malice towards you?—No reason at all.

Replying to further questions, Mr Hood agreed that when his case he had said that the case was concerned with two things: damages and the restoration of his reputation. Asked if he thought that his claim in that order, plaintiff said his reputation came first.

That was why, he added, he had returned to Hongkong.

Mr McNeill: You appreciate, don't you that when you issued

Plaintiff: Yes.

The apology was satisfactory to you?—It was not the kind we wanted.

### NOT SATISFIED

Were you or were you not satisfied with that apology published by the South China Morning Post?—No.

Nevertheless you settled that action for the sum of \$10,000.—Yes.

Plaintiff also said that he had also not been satisfied with the apology published by the Hongkong Standard.

Mr McNeill then asked plaintiff how many newspapers were concerned in the printing of the alleged libel. Mr Hood replied there were 12 newspapers. In New Zealand, a New Zealand news agency and Lloyd's List of Shipping, in London. Damages were awarded to him in all these cases.

Asked if he intended to bring any further action against any one or any institution, Mr Hood said he did not, and that the present case was the last. He agreed he could have sued the Hongkong Tiger Standard, but he wanted to set to the root of the trouble.

Mr McNeill asked if he could rely on plaintiff's statement when he said he would not sue the Hongkong Tiger Standard. Plaintiff replied: "I have not already attempted it. There would be no object in it."

### CHANGED MIND

Mr Hood agreed that in New Zealand he had said he did not intend to come to Hongkong, but subsequently he changed his mind. After Associated Press had apologized the matter had ended, but he changed his mind about taking no further action against co-defendants when they and Brutton and Co. (defendants' solicitors in Hongkong) sent photostat copies of defamatory statements and other documents to Reuters and

## Radio Hongkong

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